



## Articles of Association

### § 1

Name and Registered Office The association "LIEBEVOLLICH" with its registered office in Bergisch Gladbach pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-Privileged Purposes" of the German Fiscal Code.

#### **The purpose of the association is:**

Promotion of human education, support of public healthcare, support of persons in need.

The association dedicates itself entirely to social and healthcare-related responsibilities. In accordance with our mission statement, the human being and their dignity are at the center of all we do, and we have made it our purpose to support people on their path toward discovering their own dignity. The statutory purpose is realized in particular through health-related and social self-help groups, as well as through various events in the form of workshops and lectures.

### § 2

The association operates on a non-profit basis; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests.

### § 3

The funds of the association may only be used for the purposes set out in the articles of association. In their capacity as members, members shall receive no benefits from the funds of the association.

### § 4

No person may be favored through expenditures that are unrelated to the purpose of the organization, or through disproportionately high remuneration.

## **§ 5 Dissolution of the Association or Elimination of Tax-Privileged Purposes**

1. The association may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.
2. The liquidators are the first chairperson and the deputy chairperson (or treasurer). The general assembly is entitled to designate two other association members as liquidators.
3. Should the association be dissolved or should tax-privileged purposes cease to apply, the assets of the association, insofar as they exceed existing liabilities, shall pass to the legal entity designated below:

**Würdekompass e.V.**  
**Alte Steige 48**  
**73479 Ellwangen**

**Association Register: VR 4840**  
**Registration Court: Amtsgericht Krefeld**

This legal entity shall use the assets directly and exclusively for charitable or benevolent purposes.

## **§ 6 Bodies of the Association**

The bodies of the association are as follows:

- a) the general assembly
- b) the board of directors
- c) advisory boards
- d) self-help groups
- e) honorary members

## **§ 7 General Assembly**

1. The ordinary general assembly takes place once a year. Furthermore, an extraordinary general assembly must be convened if the interests of the association require it, or if at least one-tenth of the members request convening in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.
2. General assemblies are convened by the board in writing or in text form by email, specifying the agenda. The notice period for each general assembly is six weeks.
3. The chairperson of the meeting is the first chairperson. If the first chairperson is unable to attend, the second chairperson shall chair the meeting. If neither the first nor the second chairperson is present, a chairperson of the meeting shall be elected by the general assembly.
4. Every general assembly that has been duly convened shall be quorate regardless of the number of members actually present.
5. Resolutions of the general assembly are passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Any amendment to the articles of association or the purpose of the association requires a majority of one-quarter of the valid votes cast.

6. Motions must be received by the board of the association no later than 7 working days before the general assembly. If a motion is received later, it may only be considered if the urgency is unanimously affirmed with the approval of the board. The same applies to amendments to the articles of association.

## **§ 8 Board of Directors**

1. The board of directors consists of: — the chairperson — two deputy chairpersons — the treasurer
2. The board of directors conducts the affairs of the association in accordance with the articles of association and the resolutions of the general assembly. It passes its resolutions by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chairperson shall be decisive, or in their absence, the vote of their deputy.
3. The association is represented in and out of court by the members of the board of directors. Financial decisions are subject to a limit and require a majority decision for amounts of EUR 500.00 or more. Further details shall be governed by a resolution, as the financial volume is subject to change.
4. The members of the board of directors are elected for a term of two years each. Re-election is permitted. The incumbent board members remain in office until a new board is elected.
5. The members of the board are entitled to reimbursement of expenses pursuant to § 27 para. 3 in conjunction with § 670 of the German Civil Code. This entitlement covers all actual expenses incurred by them in connection with their activities on behalf of the association. These include in particular travel costs, accommodation costs, postage, expenditures for office supplies, rent and telecommunications costs. The expenses must be supported by verifiable documentation submitted to the association.

## **§ 9 Honorary Members**

By a simple majority of the voting members present, the general assembly may appoint persons who have rendered particular services to the association as honorary members. Honorary membership may be revoked by the general assembly by a simple majority. Honorary members have no voting rights and may be exempted from paying membership fees.

## **§ 10 Auditor**

1. The general assembly elects an auditor for a term of two years, who may not be a member of the board or any committee.
2. The auditor shall examine the cash funds and accounts of the association, including the books and records, at least once per fiscal year for factual and arithmetical accuracy, and shall submit a written report to the board.
3. The auditor shall present an audit report to the general assembly and, if the financial affairs have been conducted properly, shall move to discharge the board.

## § 11

Entry into Force The articles of association in their present form were adopted by the general assembly of the association LIEBEVOLLICH on September 10, 2023, and shall enter into force upon entry in the association register.