

Founding declaration of CREAS

On the 23rd of July 2022 the following organisations,

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Christendemocratische Studenten of Koning Albertlaan 214, 9000 Gent, Belgium,

Chrëschtlech-Sozial Jugend, Schüler a Studenten of 2, rue de l'Eau L-1449, Luxembourg,

Fria Moderata Studentförbundet of Blasieholmsgatan 4a 111 48 Stockholm, Sweden,

Høyres Studenter, Stortingsgaten 20 of 1352 Vika, Oslo, Norway,

Hrvatska akademska zajednica of Lašćinska Cesta 31a, 10000, Zagreb, Croatia,

Kokoomuksen Opiskelijaliitto Tubatkunta ry of Töölönkatu 3 A, 4. krs 00100 Helsinki, Finland,

Občiansko-demokratická mládež of Šancová 70, 813 47 Bratislava - Staré Mesto, Slovakia,

Ring Christlich-Demokratischer Studenten of Paul-Linke-Ufer 8b, 10999 Berlin, Germany

decided to establish a non-profit association whose founding document reads as follows.

The name of the organisation is the Centre-Right European Association of Students - the official name of the association (hereinafter referred to as "CREAS"). CREAS is a non-profit political association that follows and advocates the principles of christian-democracy, conservatism and liberalism, human rights and the rule of law with a special focus on European higher education and research policy.

The official languages of CREAS are British English, French and German. British English shall be the primary working language. The CREAS has its official office in Brussels, in the judicial district of Brussels. The number of Ordinary Member Organisations shall not be less than three at any time. The association is incorporated for an indefinite duration. If the CREAS is dissolved and nothing else is specified, all the assets go to the Wilfried Martens Centre under the requirement that they are spent exclusively on student affairs.

I.) Purpose:

CREAS is a confederation of christian-democrat, conservative and liberal student and youth organisations across Europe. CREAS is an organisation for cooperation between its member organisations with the purpose of developing practical collaboration. The collaboration has the purpose to foster political, cultural and social student activity on the basis of christian democrat, conservative and liberal ideas.

The organisation wants to pursue its goals by hosting and organising projects, seminars, conferences, publishing information and political positions. CREAS engages in the efforts to

responsibly shape the higher education landscape, state, society and economy, to protect and defend christian values, democracy and freedom in Europe.

II.) Membership

There will be three types of membership categories, Ordinary Member Organisations, Associated Member Organisations and Observer Member Organisations, which only the Council Meeting is authorised to grant according to a set out process. Membership is open to student and youth organisations.

In the European spirit we strive for unity and companionship. Therefore, only legal entities which are connected to the European Community and share the values of CREAS can become members of the association. Any member may resign from the association at any time. The member gives notice to the Executive Board of the decision to resign by registered letter. The minimum amount of annual membership fee is one hundred (100,00) Euros. The maximum amount of annual membership fee to be paid is no more than five hundred thousand (500.000,00) euros. There will be a recommended fee dependent on the amount of members of member organisations, their respective voting share and their financial situation.

a.) Ordinary Member Organisations will be awarded with the right to speak and the right to vote in all decisions undertaken by the Council. Ordinary member status in the association may be granted to any or like-minded student and / or youth organisation, based in a member country of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

b.) Associated member status may be granted to any like-minded student and / or youth organisation from states within the continent of Europe which subscribe to the objectives of CREAS. They shall participate in all decisions by the Council with the right to speak. They shall be awarded voting rights only on decisions not involving the Book of Statues or policies and structure of the EU nor of its institutional system.

c.) Organisations close to CREAS, from states within the continent of Europe may be granted observer status by the Council Meeting, on the proposal of the Executive Board. They shall participate and observe in all decisions undertaken by the Council.

Membership in CREAS can be suspended, meaning that voting rights being withdrawn and the right to attend events will be infringed. Grounds for suspension can be for example failure to pay membership fees and working against the purpose of CREAS. This is to be further specified in the Internal Regulations.

The Internal Regulations will be voted upon by the annual conference.

III.) Voting rights

Fifty (50) percent of all votes to be awarded shall be allocated among the individual organisations according to their respective amount of members. Fifty (50) percent of all votes shall be allocated according to the population of the countries which the organisations belong to. The data will be taken primarily from Eurostat, alternatively from official European institutions and national statistics offices.

In both categories each member is guaranteed to have a minimum number of votes (one) and a maximum number of votes (10% of the total votes in each category) irrespective of the size of the organisation or the population of the country.

Should there be more than one member organisation representing a country the votes will be divided evenly amongst each other, by dividing the adjusted number of votes (after applying the 10% threshold) by the number of organisations from the country. If the number of votes for division between organisations is uneven, then the uneven vote will change hands between the organisations in question on an annual basis.

Through this distribution of voting rights, it should be guaranteed that the interests, ideas, and perspectives of all Member Organisations can be considered and respected. It assures proportionality between all Member Organisations.

IV.) Structure

The structure of CREAS will include the following bodies: Council, Executive Board, Working Groups and the Review Board.

The sovereign and highest governing body of CREAS will be the council, although day-to-day work of the organisation will be done by the Executive Board and the Working Groups.

The structure and division of the organisation should guarantee a productive distribution of labour among day-to-day work as well as checks and balances among the different bodies. This will be especially considered with the oversight of the Executive Board by the Council and the Review Board.

Council

The Council consists of delegates and optionally deputy delegates appointed by member organisations and partner organisations vested with the respective rights depending on the status as well as the members of the Executive Board without a voting right.

The Council will meet at least four times during each working year including the Annual (General) Assembly and Annual Conference.

The annual (general) assembly elects, discharges and financially exonerates the executive board.

The annual conference adopts and amends the statutes.

The happenings of the Council will be recorded in Minutes which are open to see by all members. The official decisions made will be made public in a report of the organisation.

Executive Board

The Executive Board has the responsibility of the day-to-day operation of the organisation. The Executive Board consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, a Deputy Chairman for finances, and up to four Vice Chairmen. All members in the executive board hold one vote.

The Board will meet at least four times during each working year and coordinate the work of CREAS.

The members of the Executive Board are elected by the Council for two years and at every election half of the members are elected. One year the chairman and two deputy chairmen are elected, the other year up to four vice chairmen. Voting is done by simple majority.

Working Groups

The Working Groups support the substantial content-related work of the Executive Board and CREAS.

A group will be made up of five members which are appointed by the Council for the Working Year. The responsible Executive Board officers are ex-officio members and chairs of the Working Groups. Each group prepares motions and ideas for projects and ideas and has the responsibility for such content-related agenda.

Review Board

The Review Board mediates disputes within the organisation between any entities and sets mandates for the Council meeting. The Committee consists of six members which are elected by the Council.

The Review Board has the sole right to interpret the statutes if statutory disputes arise.

The founding members have decided upon following persons to be Directors until the election of an executive board:

Ruben Terryn

Martin Bergman

The founding members have decided upon following person to be Designee of the organisation until decided otherwise:

Ohle Zyber

The following participants of the founding meeting agreed at the Deutscher Bundestag in Berlin
on the 23rd of July 2022 on this founding declaration.


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