

Statutes of The Forthcoming

Art. 1. Basic provisions

- 1.1. The name of the association is Budoucí.
- 1.2. The English equivalent of the name of the association is The Forthcoming.
- 1.3. The association is based in Vřesina.

Art. 2. Purpose of the association

- 2.1. The association's vision is a stable, socially, and climatically just society, with freedom and equality of all people, and respect towards all living beings, the planet Earth and its limits.
- 2.2. The association is a youth wing of the Budoucnost political movement.
- 2.3. The objectives of the association are:
 - 2.3.1. A society that respects all of its members and takes human dignity as a right for all rather than a privilege for a few.
 - 2.3.2. A society that practices mutual aid and knows that cooperation and mutual respect is the best route towards the satisfaction of the individual and the whole.
 - 2.3.3. A society that listens to everyone, that does not persecute differences but takes them as an opportunity for creating a more inclusive and interesting world for everyone.
 - 2.3.4. A society that respects the planet Earth and whose priority is the preservation of the Earth for future generations.
- 2.4. The association contributes to its objectives by
 - 2.4.1. connecting young people with similar values,
 - 2.4.2. political work, and by carrying out its values in the Budoucnost political movement.
 - 2.4.3. organizing and co-organizing events and projects for other movements with similar values and also for the general public for the purpose of cooperation, support of the civil society, and education.
- 2.5. The association's income consists of financial support from the Budoucnost political movement, membership fees, subsidies, grants, donations, and the sale of promotional items or other similar sources.

Art. 3. Membership

- 3.1. Any person younger than 30 years (included) who demonstrates an interest in carrying out the purpose of the association may become a member.
- 3.2. Membership in the association is decided upon by a meeting of the members of the LO, to which the member is to enter, the GA of the association, or the Executive Committee of the association (in the latter two cases, including a specification of the Local Organization into which the member is accepted).
- 3.3. Each member of the association has the same rights and obligations and must not be discriminated against because of their skin colour, ethnicity, place of birth, language, religion, sex, gender, sexual identity, age, health status, class, or other internal or external characteristics perceived or actual. Positive steps toward the emancipation of marginalized groups are not taken as discriminatory.
- 3.4. The right not to be discriminated against, according to statute 3.3, is also applied to those interested in membership in the association. Not being granted membership for the reason of one's worldview is not considered discriminatory, if there are reasons to assume that this worldview is in conflict with the purpose of the association.
- 3.5. Each member has the following basic rights:
 - 3.5.1. the right to be informed and participate in all activities of the association;
 - 3.5.2. the right to participate in decision-making about the activities and further development of the association;
 - 3.5.3. the right to elect and be elected, unless this is in conflict with the conditions of elections to bodies and positions in the association;
 - 3.5.4. the right to make proposals and have them be voted upon in the association's relevant body;
 - 3.5.5. the right to participate in the selection procedures of events organized by the association with a limited number of participants;
 - 3.5.6. the right to be present at the meetings of any body of the association, unless such meeting is declared to be non-public;
 - 3.5.7. the right to address questions to the bodies of the association;
 - 3.5.8. the right to freely criticize.
- 3.6. Each member is obligated to fulfil these duties:
 - 3.6.1. obey the Statutes of the association and respect the decisions of bodies of the association at all levels,
 - 3.6.2. contribute to fulfilling the purpose of the association,
 - 3.6.3. protect the interests and property of the association,
 - 3.6.4. properly execute their obligations coming from their position in the association's bodies,

- 3.6.5. owe the duty of confidentiality on matters related to activities of the association which are not publicly known and the disclosure or premature disclosure of which could harm the activities of the association,
- 3.6.6. properly pay membership fees according to the Statutes of the association.
- 3.7. Membership fees
 - 3.7.1. The membership fees for the following year are paid by the 31st of December of the preceding year unless the member has not been a member in the preceding year, in which case the member pays the membership fees without undue delay.
 - 3.7.2. A member may ask for a reduction or a waiver of their membership fee. They must send their request stating the reason to the EC of the association, which may decide to adjust the fee for the individual in question.
 - 3.7.3. The amount of the annual membership fee is set by the GA of the association.
- 3.8. Membership is terminated in these cases:
 - 3.8.1. by the written announcement regarding the person voluntarily leaving the association,
 - 3.8.2. by reaching the age of 31 years (this does not exclude further cooperation),
 - 3.8.3. by not paying the membership fee properly and promptly, or not applying for a reduction or a waiver of the membership fee or the dismissal of such action by the EC,
 - 3.8.4. by a member's death,
 - 3.8.5. by the expulsion of a member decided by a 2/3 majority of the EC, upon proposal by the Overview Committee, or by the GA of the association if they
 - 3.8.5.1. have been convicted of an intentionally committed crime,
 - 3.8.5.2. have grossly violated the Statutes or the resolutions of the bodies of the association,
 - 3.8.5.3. have damaged the reputation of the association in public,
 - 3.8.5.4. continue membership in an organization whose activities are in fundamental conflict with the purpose of the association.

Art. 4. Honorary membership

- 4.1. The GA of the association may grant honorary membership for fulfilling the objectives of the association.
- 4.2. An honorary member may or may not be a member of the association. Honorary membership does not automatically imply membership in the association. Honorary membership is not covered by Art. 3 of the Statutes.
- 4.3. The GA can terminate an individual's honorary membership for behaviour in fundamental conflict with the objectives of the association.

4.4. Honorary members can run for the Overview Committee.

Art. 5. Local Organizations

- 5.1. Local organizations of the association are abbreviated as LO.
- 5.2. LOs are the basic organizational structures of the association. At least three members of the association are required to establish an LO.
- 5.3. Each member of the association may be a member of only one LO.
- 5.4. An LO is established and has its territorial scope set by the EC, whereupon its creation is approved by the next GA of the association.
- 5.5. The highest body of an LO is a members meeting, which is convened by the LOB or by a member of LO authorized by the LOB. An LO meets at least three times a year, and also whenever requested by at least half of the members of the LO or the LOB. Non-electoral membership meetings of the LO are convened by the LOB at least a week in advance.
- 5.6. If a LO members meeting has not been convened for a period longer than 6 months, any member of the LO with authorization from the EC may convene a LO members meeting.
- 5.7. LO members meetings decide especially on:
 - 5.7.1. the creation, termination, and internal structure of the LO,
 - 5.7.2. the election and removal of members of the LOB,
 - 5.7.3. the admission of members to the LO.
- 5.8. A LO members meeting shall have a quorum in the presence of at least three members of the LO as well as at least one-third as many members of the LO as having attended at least one meeting in the preceding 6 months or of the last two meetings, whichever number is greater.
- 5.9. In the case of termination or cancellation of a LO, ownership of its assets is transferred to the association.
- 5.10. In the case that a LO splits, its assets are divided proportionately according to the number of members or by an agreement of the newly created LOs.
- 5.11. The GA or the EC of the association upon proposal by the OC may decide to terminate an LO by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority in the following cases:
 - 5.11.1. if the number of members of LO is less than three,
 - 5.11.2. if the LO has long been inactive,
 - 5.11.3. if the LO damages the reputation of the association in public or systematically violates the Statutes.

Art. 6. Local Organization Board

- 6.1. Local Organization Boards are abbreviated as LOB.
- 6.2. A LOB manages the activities of an LO in the time between membership meetings and executes resolutions of membership meetings.
- 6.3. If the LO has more than 10 members then
 - 6.3.1. the LOB consists of:
 - 6.3.1.1. 2 spokespersons,
 - 6.3.1.2. 1 to 3 regular members of the LOB, the number is decided by LO member's meeting.
 - 6.3.2. At least 2 members of the LOB are non-male.
- 6.4. If the LO has 10 members or less then
 - 6.4.1. the LOB consists of:
 - 6.4.1.1. 1 spokesperson,
 - 6.4.1.2. 1 to 2 regular members of the LOB, the number is decided by LO member's meeting.
 - 6.4.2. At least 1 member of the LOB is non-male.
- 6.5. The term of office of the LOB is one year.
- 6.6. A LOB is elected by single transferable vote (for spokespersons and for regular members separately) at an electoral members meeting, which is convened at least 4 weeks in advance. If the number of candidates is the same as the number of elected posts, the meeting can decide to elect the candidates en bloc by acclamation.
- 6.7. A member of the LOB may be recalled by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the total number of members of the LO. The recall of the member of the LOB is voted on if proposed by at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total number of members of the LO.

Art. 7. Working Groups

- 7.1. Working Groups use abbreviation WG.
- 7.2. WGs are advisory bodies of the EC of the association. They prepare press releases and formulate stances on particular issues. Furthermore, they also organize activities in order to elaborate on their topics and to draw attention to them.
- 7.3. At least three members of the organization are needed to found a WG.
- 7.4. The WG is established by the GA or by the EC
- 7.5. The WG meeting has a quorum in the presence of at least two WG members.
- 7.6. Every WG elects its coordinator, whose term of office is one year. The WG coordinator represents the organization in public only with the opinions approved by the EC.

- 7.7. Any member of the association may become a member of a WG at their request. A WG can also, after voting, induct a non-member of the association.
- 7.8. The EC or GA of the association may terminate a WG for inactivity, damaging the reputation of the organization, or violation of the Statues of the association. A ¾ majority is required for the EC or the GA to cancel the WG.

Art. 8. Executive Committee

- 8.1. The Executive Committee of the Association uses the abbreviation EC.
- 8.2. At least half of the EC members are non-male.
- 8.3. The EC consist of at least 5 members, of which there are:
 - 8.3.1. two spokespersons, one of which is non-male,
 - 8.3.2. three EC members, where one of the positions is reserved for the representative of the association in the Budoucnost political movement. This person is elected separately and their election precedes the election of other members of the EC.
- 8.4. The GA may increase the number of EC members by up to four, to a maximum number of nine EC members.
- 8.5. The term of office of the spokespersons and EC members is one year. The term of office of the representative of the association in the EC of Budoucnost political movement in the association's EC equals their term of office in the EC of Budoucnost political movement.
- 8.6. The EC answers to the GA of the association. The GA of the association elects the EC by a single transferable vote (for spokespersons and for regular members separately). If the number of candidates is the same as and the number of elected posts are the same, the GA can decide to elect the candidates en bloc by acclamation.
- 8.7. If the EC is not complete, the GA will elect substitute(s) online by the single transferable vote (for spokespersons and for regular members separately). Electronic voting is announced by the EC one month in advance at the latest and the vote is held at least for a week. If no candidate runs for election, the place in the EC may remain unoccupied.
- 8.8. If the number of EC members goes below 4 and a supplementary election based on statute 8.7. is not successfully conducted, the OC conducts new EC elections within two weeks. These elections are carried out according to Art. 8.
- 8.9. A member of the EC can be recalled by a two-thirds majority of the GA of the association.
- 8.10. The EC is the highest executive body of the organization with decision-making powers in the time between meetings of the GA of the association. The EC meetings are convened by a spokesperson or a member authorized by a spokesperson at least one week in advance.

- 8.11. The activities of the EC are:
- 8.11.1. The EC meets at least once a month
 - 8.11.2. The EC debates a financial plan and approves the budget;
 - 8.11.3. The EC maintains a database of members;
 - 8.11.4. The EC approves a paid secretary of the organization;
 - 8.11.5. Each member of the EC is given responsibility for a precisely defined agenda, which is assigned to them by the EC and which they carry out with the greatest possible diligence.
- 8.12. The EC meetings may be attended by any member of the organization unless the EC decides otherwise.

Art. 9. General Assembly

- 9.1. The General Assembly (GA) is the supreme body of the organization and consists of all members.
- 9.2. The General Assembly can meet in person (physical GA) or remotely using the means of electronic communication. The physical GA does not exclude the participation of members remotely.
- 9.3. The GA's quorum is present if at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the association's members is present. In the case of physical GA, the number of members attending in person and attending remotely are summed together.
- 9.4. The EC convenes the GA once or twice a year to hear and discuss:
- 9.4.1. report on the activities of the organization,
 - 9.4.2. a financial report of the organization,
 - 9.4.3. a report from the OC of the organization,
 - 9.4.4. program objectives (in the form of a program statement) for the organization's activities in the following period,
 - 9.4.5. changes or amendments to the Statutes or new Statutes of the organisation.
- 9.5. The EC convenes a regular GA at least 6 weeks before the event and ensures that all of the proposals of the EC are sent to all members at least 3 weeks in advance.
- 9.6. The physical GA elects the EC and the OC and a predetermined number of substitutes to the OC.
- 9.7. Resolutions of the GA are binding for all members of the association and for all its bodies.
- 9.8. An extraordinary GA of the organisation:
- 9.8.1. must be held within 8 weeks:
 - 9.8.1.1. if the EC decides so by its $\frac{2}{3}$ majority,

- 9.8.1.2. if $\frac{2}{3}$ of all members of a certain LO decides so,
- 9.8.1.3. if $\frac{1}{2}$ of all members decides so.
- 9.8.2. is convened by the EC at least four weeks in advance. If the EC fails to do so, the extraordinary GA is convened by the OC.
- 9.9. The GA may adopt its own rules of procedure, voting, and election rules, which it is then obliged to follow.
- 9.10. The physical GA may decide to dissolve the association by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. It is obliged to establish a procedure for resolving the claims and liabilities of the organisation and settling the assets property settlement of the organisation, or eventual succession.

Art. 10. Overview Committee

- 10.1. The control authority of the association is the Overview Committee
- 10.2. The Overview Committee is abbreviated as OC.
- 10.3. The OC consists of three members of which at least one is not a man.
- 10.4. The term of office for the OC is one year.
- 10.5. The activity of the OC is focused primarily on the following:
 - 10.5.1. adherence to the purpose of the association,
 - 10.5.2. adherence to the Statutes of the association and other legal documents of the association and administration of binding interpretation,
 - 10.5.3. controlling the carrying out the decisions of the association's bodies,
 - 10.5.4. monitoring the activity and management of the association,
 - 10.5.5. providing advice and consultation,
 - 10.5.6. transferring experiences and the association's institutional memory.
- 10.6. Minutes from the OC's meetings and inspection reports with findings and recommendations are given to the appropriate executive bodies, who are required to address them responsibly, take necessary measures, and notify the OC within 30 days from their reception of the reports and recommendations in question.
- 10.7. All members of the association are required to work closely with the OC and provide it with the requested information, materials in written form, etc.
- 10.8. The OC carries out inspections upon request, continuous inspections, and random inspections as it sees fit.
- 10.9. No member of the OC may hold a position in EC or LOB.

Art. 11. Common and final provisions

- 11.1. All meetings of all the bodies of the association can also be conducted through forms of electronic communication unless the Statutes of the association specify otherwise.

- 11.2. All bodies of the association are elected by a secret ballot unless the Statutes of the association specify otherwise.
- 11.3. The meeting has a quorum if more than a simple majority of all members of the body in question is present unless the Statutes of the association specify otherwise.
- 11.4. Resolutions of the association's bodies are voted on by acclamation unless any member of the body in question proposes the vote to be carried out in secret.
- 11.5. Resolutions of the association's bodies are binding if voted for by a simple majority of those members of the body who are present unless the Statutes of the association specify otherwise.
- 11.6. Resolutions of the association's bodies are binding for all members.
- 11.7. The supreme body of the association is the GA and in between the GAs the whole member base; the supreme inspection body is the OC; other bodies follow in descending order: EC, LO, LOB, WG.
- 11.8. Resolutions of higher bodies are binding for all lower bodies of the association; a higher body has a right to annul a resolution of a lower body of the association if it is in conflict with the Statutes of the association.
- 11.9. All members of higher bodies of the association have the right to participate in the meetings of all lower bodies with an advisory voice, except for the General assembly.

Art. 12. The legal status of the association and its executives

- 12.1. The Forthcoming is a legal person – a registered association.
- 12.2. The spokespersons are the executives of the association.
- 12.3. Legal acts may be carried out in the name of the association by its members, employees, or other individuals, provided that they have been authorized to do so in written form by the executives.
- 12.4. Executives of the association and authorized individuals act on behalf of the association by adding the name of their function and their signature to the written or printed name of the association.