

Pursuant to provisions of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the Law on Associations ('The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia', number 51/09), at the Founding Assembly held on 18 April 2012, we adopted the following

STATUTE

of the Association for Internet Promotion, Implementation and Development

Plug-In

Article 1

The Association for Internet Promotion, Implementation and Development Plug-In (hereinafter: the Association) is a voluntary, non-governmental and non-profit association founded for an unspecified period of time aimed at accomplishing goals in the area of Internet promotion, implementation and development.

Article 2

The Association goals are as follows:

1. Promoting the Internet as the medium of the public interest and significance for the future development of Serbia and life of all its citizens;
2. Making Internet available to all persons in the territory of the Republic of Serbia based on the principles of equality;
3. Developing the culture of using and behaving on the Internet;
4. Protecting rights and interests of the Association, its Members and entrepreneurs whose work is related to the Internet implementation;
5. Protecting rights of Internet users as consumers;
6. Using the Internet legally and protecting people from harmful and malicious actions of individuals and organisations;
7. Developing public services, educational and business content in Serbian language and languages of national minorities for the well-being of all citizens of the Republic of Serbia;
8. Technological development and its positive effect to everyday life, development of individuals and the society in preserving the environment;
9. Linking and uniting IT professionals for the sake of accomplishing mutual aims and improving the quality and speed of communication within the industry;
10. Developing Internet rights;
11. Digital, technological and media-related literacy as a component part of general knowledge and necessary personal skills of all citizens and its equal treatment in relation to other fields of education.

Article 3

Aimed at accomplishing its goals, the Association especially:

1. collects and processes useful content from the area of Internet promotion, implementation and development;
2. organises, on its own or together with other organisations, expert conventions, consultations, seminars and other kinds of education from the area of Internet promotion, implementation and development;
3. releases electronic and printed publications on issues related to Internet promotion, implementation and development, in accordance with the Law;
4. monitors, assists and improves expert and research work of its Members, as well as the implementation of their projects, surveys and studies;
5. organises experts to work on educating users and service providers in the area of Internet promotion, implementation and development;
6. cooperates with universities, as well as expert associations, affiliations and other organisations in Serbia and abroad, organised with the aim of accomplishing the same or similar goals;
7. presents its activities via adequate media;
8. organises and provides other services, in cooperation with other entities, significant for Internet promotion, implementation and development in the Republic of Serbia;
9. educates Internet users for the purpose of optimal use of technology, content and services offered;
10. supports the development of socially useful Internet services, along with services of public interest;
11. develops Internet Law;
12. develops business and educational implementation of the Internet;
13. encourages and participates in the decision making process of regulatory bodies whose activities are related to the Internet;
14. conducts activities related to adopting the Internet and ICT as the component part of all levels of education.

Article 4

The original Association name is: Udruženje za promociju, primenu i razvoj interneta „Umreži se“.

The abbreviated name of the Association is: Udruženje „Umreži se“.

The name of the Association in English language is: The Association for Internet Promotion, Implementation and Development Plug-In.

The abbreviated name of the Association in English is: Plug-In Association.

The Association is located in 30 Kralj Milutin Street in Belgrade.

The Association conducts its activity in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Article 5

Each legal entity or physical person accepting the Association goals and Statute is eligible to become the Association Member. Before becoming the Association Member, the applicant needs to submit a signed membership application and pay the membership fee. In addition, their membership has to be supported by the Association Nominees and Election Board, formed by the Association Assembly as its working body and from Association Members.

The Association keeps a record of its Members.

Multiple connected legal entities – in the sense of provisions of the Law on Business Entities – that are the Association Members, have a single vote in the decision making process.

Article 6

The decision on being elected the Association Member is brought by the Association Assembly which informs the applicant on the decision without delay.

The Member can terminate their membership by submitting a written statement on the membership termination.

The Association membership might be terminated due to the Member being inactive for a longer period of time, their breach of provisions of this Statute or their undermining the Association reputation.

The decision on the membership termination is brought by the Association Assembly upon the explained proposal of the Board of Governors.

The Member has to be provided with the ability to make statements on reasons due to which the proposal for bringing the decision on the membership termination in the Association has been submitted.

Article 7

The Association Member is eligible to:

- 1) participate in accomplishing the Association goals, equally with other members;
- 2) participate in the decision making process within the Assembly, as well as within the Association bodies, directly or through their appointed representative;
- 3) elect and be elected Member of the Association bodies;

4) be timely and fully informed on work and activities of the Association.

The Member is obliged to:

- 1) actively contribute to accomplishing the Association goals;
- 2) participate in the Association activities, in accordance with their interests;
- 3) pay the membership fee.

Article 8

The Association bodies are its Assembly, Board of Governors and Supervisory Board.

Article 9

The Association Assembly is made of all Association Members.

The Association Assembly has regular sessions at least twice a year, in Q2 and Q4 of the calendar year.

The Board of Governors President convenes the Association Assembly session by submitting a written notification to the Association Members containing the information on the venue and time of the session, as well as a draft agenda, no later than 30 days prior to the date of the regular Association Assembly session.

The extraordinary session of the Association Assembly can be scheduled upon the explained proposal of the Board of Governors, as well as the initiative of at least one fifth of the Association Assembly Members, within 5 (five) days from the day of submitting the initiative. The initiative is submitted in writing to the Board of Governors and has to contain subject matters proposed for discussion. The extraordinary session of the Association Assembly is held no earlier than 10 nor later than 14 days from the day of receipt of the proposal for its holding, i.e. from receipt of the explained Board of Governors proposal.

The session is presided by the person elected at the beginning of the session, through the public vote.

The Assembly:

- 1) adopts the agenda;
- 2) adopts the Statute, as well as amendments and additions to the Statute;
- 3) adopts other general acts of the Association;
- 4) appoints and dismisses the Board of Governors President and Members;
- 5) appoints and dismisses the Supervisory Board President and Members;
- 6) discusses and adopts, at least once a year, reports of the Board of Governors and Supervisory Board;

- 7) discusses and adopts the Financial Plan and Report;
- 8) decides on the election of the external auditor;
- 9) decides on the amount of the membership fee;
- 10) decides on appointment of new Members, as well as the membership termination in the Association;
- 11) decides on education of the Association working bodies;
- 12) decides on the compensation for the work of the Association Board of Governors and Supervisory Board Members;
- 13) decides on joining affiliations and other associations in Serbia and abroad;
- 14) decides on statutory modifications and the termination of the Association operations.

The Association Assembly is eligible to bring decisions if at least one half of Members or their elected representatives are present.

The Association Assembly brings decisions through the majority of attendee votes.

To bring decisions on amendments and additions to the Statute, statutory modifications and the termination of the Association operations, the two third majority of attendee votes is necessary.

Article 10

The Board of Governors is the executive Association body ensuring that the Association goals herein defined are accomplished.

The Board of Governors consists of 5 (five) Members appointed and dismissed by the Association Assembly.

The term of office of the Board of Governors Members lasts 4 (four) years and they can be re-elected for the same position twice in a row.

Article 11

The Board of Governors President, appointed by the Association Assembly, represents and acts on behalf of the Association in legal transactions and is eligible and obliged to act as the financial manager.

The Deputy President, appointed by the Board of Governors from among its Members, is obliged to act on behalf of the Association and sign all financial and money-related documents on behalf of the Association when the President is absent.

Article 12

The Board of Governors:

- 1) manages the Association operation between two Association Assembly sessions and brings decisions aimed at accomplishing the Association goals;
- 2) organises regular Association activities;
- 3) delegates special activities to particular Members;
- 4) brings financial decisions;
- 5) makes decisions on initiating the procedure for amendments and additions to the Statute, through their own initiative or upon the proposal of at least five Association Members, and prepares the proposal of amendments and additions which they submit to the Association Assembly for ratification;
- 6) determines draft acts that are discussed and ratified by the Assembly;
- 7) makes decisions on initiating the indemnity procedure in cases described in Article 25, Paragraph 2 of the Law on Associations and, when required, appoints a special representative of the Association for that procedure;
- 8) appoints and dismisses the Association Secretary and decides on the compensation for their work in the Association;
- 9) makes decisions on establishing branch offices and subsidiaries in the territory of the Republic of Serbia;
- 10) makes decisions on additional issues which are not under the authority of other Association bodies by the Law or this Statute.

The Board of Governors is eligible to decide if at least one third of its Members are present and decisions are brought by the majority vote of all Members. In case of an equal number of votes, the vote of the Session Chairperson is the one deciding on the outcome.

Article 13

The Supervisory Board controls the financial operations and activities of the Association in accordance with the determined goals and notifies the Board of Governors, without delay, on irregularities noticed.

The Supervisory Board has three Members appointed by the Association Assembly. The Term of office of the Supervisory Board Members lasts three years and they can be elected two times in a row. At least one Member of the Supervisory Board must be an eminent individual from the Internet community who is neither the Association Member nor the co-owner or employee in an economic entity that is the Association Member.

The Supervisory Board submits a report on its operations at each Association Assembly session.

Article 14

The Association has its Secretary.

The Association Secretary is appointed by the Association Board of Governors for a period of 4 (four) years.

The Association Secretary is elected from among the Association Members.

The Association Secretary prepares materials for sessions of the Association Assembly, the Board of Governors and the Supervisory Board; is responsible for the implementation of decisions brought by the Association bodies; makes sure all planned Association activities are carried out; monitors and harmonises general acts of the Association with positive legal regulations.

The Board of Governors can entrust the Association Members, professional persons or expert departments of other organisations, legal entities or associations with the task of carrying out expert, administrative, financial and legal operations.

Article 15

Unless Members of the Association bodies recorded their attitude in the meeting minutes during the decision making process, they are mutually responsible for damage they cause to the Association through their decision if that decision is brought through gross negligence or with the intention to cause damage.

The indemnity procedure is initiated upon a decision of the Board of Governors. A special representative of the Association for the indemnity procedure can also be appointed through this decision.

This Article provisions are also accordingly applied to activities of the Association representative.

Article 16

The Association operations are public.

The Board of Governors ensures that the Association Members and the public are regularly informed about the Association operations and activities, directly or through internal publications, press releases or other adequate means.

Annual financial statements and reports on the Association activities are submitted to the Association Members at the Association session.

Article 17

The Association can establish branch offices and subsidiaries in the territory of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with positive legal regulations. The decision on establishing internal organisational elements, the Association parts, is brought by the Board of Governors which notifies the Association Assembly accordingly at the first next session. The Association part does not have the status of a legal entity.

Article 18

For the purpose of accomplishing its goals, the Association establishes contacts and cooperates with other associations, affiliations and organisations in Serbia and abroad.

The decision on joining affiliations and other associations in Serbia and abroad is brought by the Association Assembly.

Article 19

The Association collects financial assets from membership fees and voluntary contributions, donations, gifts, financial subventions and in other legal ways.

The membership fee is mandatory for all Members and is paid on an annual basis for the current calendar year.

In addition to paying the membership fee, Members can make a payment for the annual donation. Its amount can change each year since Members define it themselves.

Article 20

The Association code of practice is 70.22 – business and other management consultancy activities.

The Association can start performing its activities only after it is entered into the Commercial Register.

Article 21

The Association can also collect financial assets from participation fees for seminars and other kinds of education from the area of Internet promotion, implementation and development in the Republic of Serbia, along with other forms of related economic activities the Association performs.

The profit gained through economic and other activities can be used solely for accomplishing the Association goals, including also costs of regular Association operations and its own participation in financing certain projects.

Article 22

The Association terminates its operation by the Association Assembly decision upon termination of conditions for accomplishing the Association goals, as well as in other cases predicted by the Law.

Article 23

In case the Association terminates its operation, the Association property will be transferred to a local non-profit legal entity established for the purpose of accomplishing the same or similar goals, i.e. in its decision on termination, the Association Assembly determines the subject to whom the property will be transferred in accordance with the Law.

Article 24

The Association has a round, regular size stamp with the text Udruženje „Umreži se“ in the upper half, the Association location in the middle and its English name Plug-In Association in the lower half.

The Board of Governors President is responsible for stamp handling.

Article 25

The draft amendments and additions to the Statute is ratified by the Association Board of Governors.

The Association Assembly ratifies amendments and additions to the Statute by the two third majority of present Members.

Provisions of the Law on Associations will be directly applied to all issues not regulated by this Statute.

Article 26

This Statute becomes effective on the day it is ratified by the Association Founding Assembly and is applied from the day the Association is entered into the authorised body register.

Association Founding Assembly

Chairperson

Nenad Marinković