

Pursuant to Article 5, 14 and 20 of the Law on Citizen Associations and Foundations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia No. 31 of 2010), the founding assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement „Eko-Zhivot“ Kavadarci, on 05.07.2010 has adopted the

## **STATUTE**

### **of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

#### **General provisions**

##### **Article 1**

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is a non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit organization established with the free will of citizens, for the purpose of realization and reconciliation of their interests, as well as carrying out activities for raising public awareness of acceptance and support of the protection and improvement of the environment.

##### **Article 2**

The name of the Association of Citizens is: Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci (hereinafter referred to as Eko-Zhivot or association). The headquarters of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is on the Boulevard Macedonia No. 7-1 / 8.

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is organized and acts on the territory of the Municipality of Kavadarci, neighboring municipalities, national level and international.

### **Article 3**

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is a legal entity.

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci has its own stamp and seal.

The stamp is round and contains the name of the association.

The seal is rectangular.

### **Article 4**

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci as an association of citizens will achieve its objectives and activities in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia, laws that regulate matter in this area and this Statute.

Within the association, political and religious organization is prohibited.

### **Article 5**

The work of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is public.

Openness in work shall be achieved with regular reporting to the members of the Association for all forms of work, with an insight into the implementation of the program activities, with the submission of a report on the work and the material and financial operations of the authorities and bodies of the association and other ways.

The press, radio, television and the Internet and other means of communication are used for informing the members and the wider public.

For informing members and wider public the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci can issue magazines and other printed materials, organizes conferences for the information entities and issue press releases.

## **Article 6.**

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci will strive for the following objectives and tasks:

- Promotion of the protection and improvement of the environment.
- Raising awareness among citizens, with a special emphasis on the young people for the protection and improvement of the environment and wildlife around us
- Following of international and European standards in the field of environmental protection
- Introduction of international and European standards
- Public education for protection and improvement of the environment
- Establish communication with the same or similar character organizations
- Proposal and organization of cultural and environmental events, tribunes
- Development of plans and projects in the field of protection and improvement of the environment
- Presentation of ideas and projects in order to contribute to better environmental awareness among citizens with special emphasis and education of the young people
- Proposals for implementing projects that embellish the environment
- Organizing cultural and environmental competitions with local, national and international character
- Opening of environmental clubs and workshops
- Organizing art exhibitions, colonies and concerts
- Publishing books, brochures, CD materials, magazines in the field of protection and environmental promotion
- Prevention against environmental destruction
- Membership in international organizations of the same or similar character

- Cooperation and implementation of joint projects with national and foreign institutions and organizations that have the same or similar goals and tasks and
- Other similar forms and ways of action

## **Membership in the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

### **Article 7.**

Member of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci may be any citizen of the Republic of Macedonia that accepts the Statute and the Program of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci and voluntarily approaches the same, and the decision on Admission is carried by the Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci with a majority of votes.

The membership in the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is carried out with a membership application that in case the person is excluded or terminates the membership is obligatory to be returned.

### **Article 8.**

Each member of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci has the following rights, duties and responsibilities:

- Actively to participate in the work of Eko-Zhivot, i.e. in the creation and achievement of the objectives, the program and tasks of Eko-Zhivot, as well as the activities arising from them;
- Attend meetings;
- Regularly pay a membership fee;

- Gain other rights, duties and responsibilities arising from this Statute.

Members of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci should attend meetings of the Assembly and have no right to vote.

No member of the organization may use its membership as a way of realization of political interests and for its own benefit.

Each member of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is responsible for its work in front of the appropriate bodies of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

### **Article 9**

The membership in the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci ceases on the following grounds:

- If the member unjustifiably doesn't attend all regular and extraordinary meetings of the Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci during the calendar year;
- If the member does not pay the membership within the specified deadline;
- If the member more severe violates the provisions of the Statute of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

The Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci decides on the termination of membership on the first next meeting.

### **Article 10**

Bodies of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci are:

- Assembly
- Executive Board

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Spokesman

## **Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

### **Article 11**

The Assembly is the highest body of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

The Assembly meets as needed, and at least once a year.

### **Article 12**

The Assembly has the following powers and duties:

- adopts the Statute of the association, program and other acts and amends them;
- election of President, Secretary and members of the Executive Board;
- decides on the establishment and abolition of branches and other forms of organization of the association;
- decides on association and separation from another association and on membership in unions and international organizations;
- concludes admission of new members and termination of membership;
- decides on termination of the association by a two-thirds majority;
- decides on the establishment of trade companies;
- adopts annual report;
- adopts final account;

- adopts rulebooks, decisions, conclusions, recommendations and other acts for regulation and resolution of issues of interest to the association;
- adopts a detailed annual program of activities;
- adopts a work program;
- makes decisions for procurement and disposal of fixed assets;
- takes care of the intended use of the funds and revenues;
- is responsible for the management of the property of the association;
- performs other activities arising from the Statute of the association.

### **Article 13**

The sessions of the Assembly are convened by the President of the Assembly.

Sessions of the Assembly is convened on the proposal of the Executive Board of the Association or 1/5 (one Fifth) of the total number of members of the Assembly.

If the President of the Assembly does not convene a session of the given proposal, the session is convened by the Executive Board or the initiators.

The manner of convening the sessions of the Assembly of the Association is determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

### **Article 14**

The Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is conducting the session if more than one half of the total number of members are present.

The Assembly adopts decisions with a majority of votes of the total number of members.

The assembly decisions are made public unless the majority of the total number of present members decided to be secretly.

Each member of the Assembly has the right to one vote.

## **Executive Board of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

### **Article 15**

The Executive Board of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is an executive body of the Assembly in which each member has equal rights, obligations and responsibilities for the operation and development of Eko-Zhivot in accordance with the Statute.

### **Article 16**

The Executive Board of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci has 5 (five) members, elected by the Assembly of the Association.

The mandate of the members of the Executive Board lasts 2 (two) years, with the possibility of an unlimited number of mandates.

### **Article 17**

The Executive Board performs the following things:

- Implement the statutory and program tasks of the Association, as well as the policy, conclusions and decisions taken by the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci
- Proposes amendments and supplements to the Statute and other decisions that the Assembly should be adopted.
- submit a proposal to the Assembly for admission of new members
- organize and actively participate in the implementation of various actions and manifestations
- make decisions on prizes, praise and recognitions
- perform other things.



The Executive Board is responsible for its work before the Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

### **Article 18**

The Executive Board convenes sessions as needed, and at least once a three months.

The session of the Executive Board is convened by the President of the Association.

A proposal for convening a session of the Executive Board may submit one half of the Executive Board and one third of the members of the Assembly of the Association.

The session of the Executive Board is managed by the President of the Association, and in his conviction vice president of the association.

For each held session of the Executive Board, a record shall be kept, which is published to the members of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

### **Article 19**

The Executive Board can work and decide if more than half of its total members are present at the session.

The Executive Board adopts its decisions by a majority of the total number of members of the Executive Board.

## **President of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

### **Article 20**

The President represents and represents the Association.

The President of the Association is elected from the Assembly by a majority of votes from the Assembly for a 2-year mandate period, with the possibility of an unlimited number of mandates.

In the absence of the President, his obligations shall be undertaken by the Vice President of the Association.

### **Article 21**

The President has the following rights, duties and responsibilities:

- implements the policy of the association;
- convenes the session of the Assembly and the Executive Board
- proposes a work program
- sign and take care of the implementation of the acts adopted by the Assembly and the Executive Board
  - represents and represents the Association in accordance with the powers determined by this Statute Regional and International Organizations whose Article is the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci
- is responsible for the Association's headquarter
- Provides other rights, duties and responsibilities that will entrust the Assembly and the Executive Board, or arise from this Statute or are determined by law.

The president is responsible for his work before the Assembly.

## **Article 22**

The president's office may be terminated:

- Upon his request
- With the expiry of the mandate for which it is selected
- If due to inactivity, reckless performance of entrusted rights, duties and responsibilities or activity directed against the objectives and tasks of the association

## **Financing the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci**

### **Article 23**

The Association realizes funds from:

- Membership fee
- Donations and grants
- Sponsorships of trade companies
- Fees from services performed for other organizations
- Funds from the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia, the budgets of the units of local self-government and the budget of the Municipality of Kavadarci.

### **Article 24**

Each member is obliged to pay a membership fee whose amount determines the Assembly of the Association.

In case a member of the association does not pay the membership fee for the current calendar year, the membership in the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci is terminated.

### **Article 25**

The use and disposal of the assets of the association obtained on the basis of Article 23 is carried out in a manner determined by this Statute and other legal norms.

## **Article 26**

For use and disposal of the assets, the Assembly of the Association shall be decided, in accordance with the competencies determined by this Statute, which undertake measures for economic purposive use of the assets and prevention and elimination of illegalities.

## **Article 27**

The association adopts an annual financial plan for the revenues and expenditures of the association.

The financial plan contains the revenues acquired under Article 23 of the Statute as well as expenditures for the planned activities for common consumption of employees, material costs for the work of the Association and other expenditures of the Association.

## **Establishment of branches**

### **Article 28**

If there is an initiative and need for opening branches of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci it can be done by a decision of the Assembly, which should be voted by a majority of the total number of members of the Assembly.

## **Termination of the association**

### **Article 29**

The Association will stop operating if the Assembly decides with a two-thirds majority, if the number of members decreased below the number determined for establishment.

### **Article 30**

After the termination of the work of the Association, the property acquired after the establishment will be divided under equal between the founders or will be sold and the cash is equally divided.

## **TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 31**

Rights of interpretation of the provisions of this Statute has the Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

### **Article 32**

Amendments to this Statute performs the Assembly of the Association for environmental protection and improvement Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci.

### **Article 33**

This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption