Based on the Law on Associations and Foundations (Official Gazette of RM no. 52/10) and the envisaged agenda of the Constituent Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY - Prilep, held on the 11.8.2016, the Assembly of DIALOGUE unanimously adopted the following:

# STATUTE Of Association DIALOGUE- CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep

# **GENERAL TERMS**

# Article 1

The Association DIALOGUE- CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep, is a non-profit association, formed with free association to improve the democratic processes, to develop dialogue in various social spheres, improve human rights and promote deliberative democracy in the Republic of Macedonia and internationally.

#### Article 2

Deliberative democracy is a combination of representative and direct democracy that applies authentic deliberation to public policy and makes decisions by applying elements to both consensual decision-making and the rule of the majority.

# Article 3

The work of the Association DIALOGUE- CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep is public.

The transparency in the operation is provided by regular notification of the members of the association for all forms of work, by insight in the implementation of the program tasks, by submitting a report on the work of the organs and bodies of the association for material and financial operations and others.

The press, radio, television, Internet services, as well as the printed and electronic publications of the association are used to inform the members and the general public.

# Article 4

The Association DIALOGUE- CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep will achieve its goals and program activities in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia and this Statute, as well as with other legal norms and international standards that regulate the matter in this area.

The English name of the Association ДИЈАЛОГ- ЦЕНТАР ЗА ДЕЛИБЕРАТИВНА ДЕМОКРАТИЈА is DIALOGUE - Center for Deliberative Democrac. Its Albanian name is DIJALOG - Qendra për hulumtime të demokracisë deliberative.

#### Article 6

The headquarters of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep is at Pere Toshev 19-3. The Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep organizes and acts on the territory of Republic of Maecdonia, and through association with other organizations with the same or similar program commitments as well as individual projects, the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep acts regionally and internationally.

# Article 7

Member of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep can be every adult citizen of Republic of Macedonia and foreign citizen, whose може да биде полнолетен/на државјанин/ка на Република Македонија и странски/а државјанин/ка, whose values guarantee that he/she will act in full compliance with the goals of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.

Each member of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep can nominate a candidate for a new member. The proposal together with the explanation is submitted to the Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep and it decides on it by secret ballot by an absolute majority.

the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep keeps an updated membership registers of its members.

## Article 8

The work of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep is public. The publicity is feasible by regularly informing the public through the media, the media and its own electronic or printed publications.

## Article 9

Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep has the capacity of a legal entity with rights, duties and responsibilities in accordance with this Statute and the Law on Associations and Foundations.

The association has its own seal and stamp.

The patch is round and contains the name of the association: Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep, and in the middle is the logo of the Association.

The stamp of the association is rectangular with the name of the association written on the upper part, and the number, date, year and Prilep on the lower part.

#### **GOALS AND TASKS:**

#### Article 10

The Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep will focus on:

- Research and analysis of social processes whose improvement is part of the goals of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.
- Promoting research findings and recommendations in order to contribute to the creation of public policies.
- Education in order to encourage and develop deliberative political culture.
- Lobbying and advocacy of the values of deliberative democracy.
- Networking and cooperation with state and public institutions, educational institutions, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations in the country and abroad.

#### Article 11

The Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep, as a research center, is focused on research and analysis of:

- Deliberative democracy
- Interethnic cohabitation in Macedonia, with special emphasis on the inclusiveness of non-majority ethnic minorities,
- Gender equality,
- Discrimination and marginalized groups,
- The impact of traditional and new media on the development of deliberative democracy in the Republic of Macedonia,
- Civil society,
- European Union and Euro-Atlantic integration,
- Rule of law.
- Social justice,
- Elections and political parties

# **ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### Article 12

Organs of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep are:

- President
- Assembly
- Executive Board

In front of third parties, the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep is represented and advocated by the President. The President is elected by the Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep with a simple majority, at the proposal of the members of the Executive Board. The President has a term of 3 years with the right to be re-elected, without limiting the number of mandates.

#### Article 14

Rights, obligations, competencies of the President of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep:

- the President of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep is responsible for the execution of the Financial Plan and the Work Program;
- she takes care of the timely execution of the decisions and conclusions adopted by the Assembly and the Management Board;
- she takes care of the proper application of the legal regulations in the field of activities performed by the Association DIALOGUE CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep;
- she concludes agreements, arrangements on behalf and at the expense of the Association DIALOGUE CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.

#### Article 15

The Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep consists of all members. The Assembly may convene any of the members, at least once a year. The debate on the decisions made by the Assembly can also be held online.

#### Article 16

The Assembly shall decide in full if more than half of the total number of members are present. The Assembly makes decisions by a majority vote of the members present. In the work of the Assembly of the Association, each member of the association has the right to only one vote. This right may not be transferred to other persons.

# Article 17

The Assembly elects a President from among its members. The President manages the sessions of the Assembly and performs other activities determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.

# Article 18

The Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep elects from its ranks an Executive Board, which is an executive body of the Assembly, of regular and extraordinary assemblies.

#### Article 19

The competencies of the Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep are:

- It adopts the Statute of the Association;
- It makes additions and amendments to the Statute with a two-thirds majority vote of the total number of members;
- It elects the Executive Board, as well as its individual members with a simple majority of votes from the total number of present members at the session;
- It adopts program orientation for the work of the association for a period of 3 years;
- It observes and adopts periodic and annual reports on the work of the bodies and bodies of the Association;
- It adopts the final account of the Association;
- It discusses the achieved results in the work of the association and gives directions for further development of the Association;
- It makes decisions, conclusions, recommendations for resolving issues of interest to the Association;
- It resolves the establishment and abolition of branches and other forms of organization of the Association;
- It decides to change the name of the Association;
- It performs other tasks arising from the Statute and the laws.

The activities that fall within the scope of work of the Assembly in emergencies are performed by the Executive Board of the Association, whereby the Executive Board is obliged to submit a report on the undertaken activities at the next session of the Assembly.

#### Article 21

The Executive Board of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep has five members: President and four members. The President's vote is decisive in the decision of the Executive Board where there is an equal number of votes for and against a decision. The President of the Executive Board is also the President of the Association. The Assembly elects the Executive Director by a simple majority of the total number of members present at the session. The mandate of the members of the Executive Board lasts for 3 years, with the possibility of reelection.

#### Article 22

The following are the responsibilities of the Executive Board:

- It carries out the statutory and program tasks of the Association, as well as the decisions and conclusions of the Assembly;
- It adopts and implements an annual work program;
- -It suggests amendments to the Statute;
- -It adopts Rules of Procedure for its work;
- It decides on termination of work of the Association with a two-thirds majority;
- It decides on association or separation from another association and on membership in an alliance and international organizations;

- It adopts appropriate regulations, accepts agreements and concludes agreements;
- It makes decisions for the establishment of permanent and occasional commissions, and it directs their work;
- -It prepares periodic and annual report on its work;
- It manages and it is responsible for the management of the property of the Association;
- It appoints signatories to the account of the Association;
- -It performs other activities provided by this Statute and the relevant legal norms.

The Executive Board is responsible for its work before the Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep. The Assembly of the Association may revoke the Executive Board, or a separate member. A proposal for revocation of the Executive Board or its member may be submitted by at least 2/3 of the members of the Assembly. The revocation proposal must be in writing.

#### Article 24

The Executive Board meets and holds sessions as needed. Sessions of the Executive Board convened by the President of the Executive Board Any member of the Executive Board may submit a proposal for convening a session of the Executive Board. The session is chaired and chaired by the President of the Executive Board, and in his absence a member who will be elected by the Executive Board. The manner of convening the session and the work of the executive board is determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

## Article 25

The Executive Board makes its decisions by public vote, by a majority vote of the total number of members.

# **FINANCING**

#### Article 26

The Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep realizes funds from:

- Voluntary contributions, donations, grants, gifts from foundations, trade companies, NGOs and government organizations;
- Budget of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Fees from bodies, organizations, communities and other institutions;
- Other services;
- In other ways according to the Law on Associations and Foundations.

# Article 27

The organs of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERITY DEMOCRACY Prilep decide on the use and disposal of its funds.

#### **END OF WORK**

#### Article 28

The Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep will stop working if its members decide so, if the number of members decreases below the number determined for establishment, or if there are reasons determined by Article 63 of the Law.

The Assembly of the Association with a two-thirds majority of the total number of members adopts a decision for termination of the work of the Association DIALOGUE-CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.

# Article 29

After the termination of the work of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep, the property and other rights and revenues after the settlement of the obligations become the property of the founders.

# TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 30

The Assembly of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep has the right to interpret the provisions of this Statute, and between the two Assemblies, the Executive Board and the President of the Association DIALOGUE - CENTER FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY Prilep.

# Article 31

Amendments to this Statute are made in the same procedure as for its adoption.

# Article 32

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Date and place: Prilep 11.08.2016



President: Josipa Rizankoska

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