



STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION
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CHAPTER I

NAME, PURPOSES, HEAD OFFICE AND FIELD

Article 1. With the name of EUROMEDITERRANEAN IRRIGATORS COMMUNITY, henceforth referred to as EIC, a non profit ASSOCIATION is set up under the protection of the Spanish Law 191/64, of December 24 and complementary regulations of Decree 1440/65, of May 20.

Article 2. Objects of the Association are:

1. To exchange ideas, plans and experiences in order to improve the institutional organization of irrigation in the member countries by means of Irrigators Communities, Irrigators Associations and similar institutions.
2. To exchange knowledge, plans and experiences aimed to improve the management and distribution of irrigation water from the legal, administrative, technical and practical points of view.
3. To favour the information exchange on irrigation among member countries: irrigation and distribution methods; improvement and modernization of irrigation systems; rationalization of water use and consumption; treated water reuse; preparation of reports, studies and statistics; creation of databases on water issues and centers for the exchange of water rights, etc., in all aspects of common interest.
4. To represent the members before International Organizations and Associations related to agriculture, water and irrigation.
5. To represent the members and the European irrigation at the European Union and its Institutions facilitating the participation of the users in water policies of the European Union.
6. To analyse and study the application and possible impacts of the EU Water Framework Directive on European and Mediterranean irrigation.
7. To study the relations between agriculture and the environment favouring its coexistence and promoting the diffusion, knowledge and application of the Code of Good Agricultural Practices and all the measures facilitating the sustainability of irrigation and the environmental training of farmers and irrigators from a sustainable development approach.
8. To assess the benefits and the positive externalities of irrigation for the environment (oxygen production, population settlement, land organization, soil erosion protection, etc.), and for the society at large (jobs, induced economy, etc) .

9. To exchange technologies and methods that allow to improve and to solve problems related to the conservation of soil, territory and natural resources, and to the modernization and maintenance of irrigation infrastructures and the hydraulic management of irrigation.
10. To exchange experiences with users' institutions and associations of other countries.

Article 3. For the fulfilment of these objects the following activities will be carried out:

1. To carry out and attend courses and cooperation programmes to exchange scientific and technical knowledge related, among others, to the following subjects.

A) Improvement of irrigation management and modernization:

- Irrigation and drainage systems assessment.
- Criteria of improvement and modernization.
- Optimization of the management and use of natural resources.
- Socio-economic assessment.
- Irrigators agricultural advice systems.

B) Institutional organization of irrigation:

- Irrigators and users communities.
- Irrigators Associations.
- Irrigation Jury and Water Courts.

C) Projects and works to put new areas in irrigation technologies.

D) Natural resources assessment:

- Soils.
- Water.
- Environment.
- Agri-climatology.
- Crops water requirements.
- Study of irrigated areas, and irrigation and drainage networks

E) Reclamation of irrigated areas:

- Salinity
- Waterlogging and drainage
- Recharge of aquifers
- Recovery of the vulnerable zones to the pollution by nitrates of farming origin.

F) Remote sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) applied to the assessment of natural resources and of new irrigated areas and to their follow-up..

- G) Other subjects that at a given moment could be considered of mutual interest by the members..

2. Any cooperation activity that the members resolve to carry out in accordance with its objects.

Article 4. The Association establishes its Head Office in *Paseo de la Habana, n^o 26, 2^o - 2 - 28036 Madrid, Spain. Tel. (+34) 91.563.63.18 - Fax. (+34) 91.563.62.53 - E.mail: info@e-mic.org*, its activity field being of international scope.

CHAPTER II

MANAGEMENT BODIES

Article 5. The Association will be directed and administered by a Board of Directors composed by: a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer and as many members as the General Assembly may deem convenient to designate.

All the members of the Board of Directors will be appointed by the Extraordinary General Assembly, being their term of office for a period of four years, able to be reelected.

Article 6. The Board of Directors will meet whenever its President determines and on initiative or request of one fourth (1/4) of its members. The meeting will be valid in the first summon when there are present the half plus one (1/2+1) of its members with right to vote and, in the second call, with any number of members with right to vote. Between the first and second summon it cannot be less than one hour. Its agreements will be only valid if they are taken by majority of the votes present. In case of tie, the vote of the President will be of quality.

Article 7. The Board of Directors is entitled:

- a) To direct the social activities and to run the economic and administrative management of the Association, agreeing to carry out the relevant contracts and actions.
- b) To carry out the agreements of the General Assembly.
- c) To formulate and to submit for approval to the General Assembly the annual budgets and accounts.
- d) To resolve on the admission of new members.
- e) To appoint delegates for any specific activity of the Association.
- f) Any other business which is urgent and cannot be postponed until the next General Assembly, without prejudice to later reporting it to the General Assembly.
- g) To any other authority which is not of the sole responsibility of the General Assembly.

Article 8. The President will have the following powers: To legally represent the Association before all kinds of public or private organisations; to summon, to chair and close the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors, as well as to conduct the deliberations of both of them; to arrange payments and to authorize with his signature the documents, minutes and correspondence; to adopt any urgent measures advisable for the good course of the Association, or that turns to be necessary or suitable for the development of its activities, without prejudice of later report to the Board of Directors.

Article 9. A Vice-President will substitute the President in his absence, caused by illness or by any other reason, and will hold the same powers.

Article 10. The Secretary-General will take the direction of the Association's administrative works: he will issue certifications, take care of the files and guard the documents of the institution, dealing to report to the the Authority on the appointments to the Board of Directors, the celebration of Meetings and the approval of budgets and annual accounts.

Article 11. The Treasurer will collect and guard the funds belonging to the Association and fulfill the payment orders issued by the President.

Article 12. The Members will take the duties of their post as officials at the Board of Directors, and as well as those stemming from delegations or work commissions that the same Board might entrust them.

Article 13. The vacancies that might occur during the term of office of anyone of the members of the Board of Directors will provisionally be covered from among the Association's members until its election be finally confirmed by the Extraordinary General Assembly.

CHAPTER III

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 14. The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association and will be composed by all the members.

Article 15. The meetings of the General Assembly can be ordinary and extraordinary. Ordinary Meetings will be held once a year. Extraordinary Meetings will be held whenever the circumstances advise to do so, or in the opinion of the President, or when the Board of Directors so resolves or when it would be proposed in writing by one fourth (1/4) of the members, with specific expression of the matters to be discussed.

Article 16. The notification of General Assemblies, either ordinary or extraordinary, shall be made in writing, expressing the place, day and time of the meeting, as well as the agenda. Between the dates of notification and of celebration of the Assembly in the first call there will be not less than 30 days, being possible, if it is felt convenient, to indicate the date in which the Assembly will meet in the second call, provided that not less than one hour will be between both calls. The official languages of the Association are Spanish, French and English.

Article 17. The General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, will be validly constituted in the first call when there is present a majority of the members with right to vote, and in the second call with any number of members with right to vote.

The agreements shall be taken by simple majority of votes present. Nevertheless two thirds (2/3) of the votes present will be required by the General Assembly to adopt agreements on the following matters:

- a) Appointment of the Board of Directors and Administratives.
- b) Agreement to set up a Federation of Associations or to join them.
- c) Modification of the Constitution.
- d) Dissolution of the Institution.

Article 18. The Ordinary General Assembly is empowered to:

- a) Pass, if convenient, the management of the Governing Board.

- b) Examine and approve the annual accounts.
- c) Approve or reject the proposals of the Board of Directors related with the activities of the Association.
- d) Establish the ordinary or extraordinary fees.
- e) Decide on any other matter that is not of the sole competition of the Extraordinary Assembly.

Article 19. It corresponds to the Extraordinary General Assembly:

- a) The appointment of members of the Board of Directors;
- b) The modification of the By-laws.
- c) The dissolution of the Association;
- d) The admission and expulsion of members on proposal of the Board of Directors;
- e) The setting up of Federations and integration into them.
- f) Any affair out of the Board of Directors' capacity or due to its urgency cannot be postponed to the Ordinary General Assembly.

CHAPTER IV

MEMBERS

Article 20. Members of the Association can be the Irrigators and Users Communities, the Irrigators Associations and the Federations or Institutions that group them and have interest in the development of the objects of the Association.

Article 21. Within the Association the following member classes will exist:

- a) Founder members are those who take part at the constitution of the Association;
- b) Full members are those who join the Association after its constitution;
- c) Honorary Members are those who due to their prestige or for having contributed on a relevant way to dignify and develop the Association would deserve such distinction. The appointment of honorary members will correspond to the General Assembly.

Article 22. The members will be ceased as such for any of the following reasons:

- a) For voluntary resignation, communicated in writing to the Board of Directors;
- b) For non-observance of economic duties, in case of non-payment of three annual membership fees

Article 23. The Founder and the Full Members will have the following rights:

- a) To take part in as many activities may organize the Association in fulfilment of its purposes.
- b) To enjoy all the advantages and benefits that the Association can obtain.
- c) To take part in the Assemblies with voice and vote.
- d) To elect and be elected for management posts.
- e) To receive information on the agreements adopted by the bodies of the EIC.
- f) To make suggestions to the members of the Board of Governors in order improve the fulfilment of the Association's purposes..

Article 24. The Founder and the Full Members will have the following duties:

- a) To fulfil the present Constitution and the valid agreements of the General Assemblies and of the Board of Directors;

- b) To pay the established fees;
- c) To attend the Meetings and other events that are organized.
- d) To carry out, whenever necessary, the duties of the post they hold.

Article 25. The Honorary Members will have the same duties as the Founders and the Full Members excepting those included on paragraphs b) and d), of article 24..

Likewise, they will have the same rights with the exception of those appearing in paragraphs c) and d) of article 23, being allowed to attend the meetings without the right to vote.

Article 26. The members of the association that are integrated in the European Union will belong to the section named "European Commission of Irrigators". Such section will aim at representing its members and European irrigation before the European Union and its institutions and analyzing and studying the implementation of the Water Framework Directive, as well as its possible consequences on European irrigation.

Likewise, the members of the association who represent mediterranean countries will belong to the section named "Mediterranean Commission of Irrigators", which will aim at analysing and studying the specific issues of mediterranean irrigation.

Both sections shall be coordinated by the Board of Directors and the remaining bodies of the Association.

Article 27. The financial resources foreseen for the development of the ends and activities of the Association will be the following ones:

- a) Membership fees, either periodic or extraordinary.
- b) The subsidies, legacies or inheritances that it could receive of legal form on the part of the members or of third persons.
- c) Any other lawful resource.

Article 28. The Association, at the moment of its constitution, lacks of social fund.

CHAPTER V

DISSOLUTION

Article 29. The Association will be voluntarily dissolved if so resolved by the Extraordinary General Assembly, summoned to this particular purpose, for a majority of 2/3 of the members.

Article 30. In case of dissolution, a closing down commission will be appointed which, once settled the debts, will set aside the remaining liquid, if there exists, for other non-profit associations with similar ends related to the encouragement and the modernization of irrigation and of the Irrigators Communities.

TEMPORARY PROVISION

The First appointment of the posts of the Board of Directors and the Commission of Irrigators shall be made at the Constituent Assembly.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION

To anything not anticipated in the present Constitution would be applied the Law of Associations of December 24, 1964 and complementary regulations, currently in force.

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