



STATUTE OF THE MALTA ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGIES ASSOCIATION (M.E.E.R.E.A.)

NAME:

Article 1: The Association is named Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association, in abbreviation M.E.E.R.E.A.
The Association is a non-profit, non-governmental Organisation.

OBJECTIVES

Article 2: The objectives of the Association are to :

- * promote discussion on energy related issues among energy stakeholders including consumers and energy procurement decision-makers in Malta;
- * support the organisation of training courses for energy stakeholders and energy procurement decision makers in Malta;
- * support the dissemination of information and knowledge related to energy issues;
- * advocate, encourage and/or endorse sustainable energy policies that emphasize energy efficiency and use of renewable energies in Malta;
- * facilitate information exchange among energy related stakeholders;
- * strengthen the co-operation between Maltese energy stakeholders and those in the Mediterranean countries and other EU member states.

METHODS, MEANS AND ACTIVITIES

Article 3.1: The Association will draw up an annual programme of activities with the aim of responding to the highly competitive and rapidly evolving energy market conditions.

Article 3.2: The programme will include national and international initiatives, such as the organisation of workshops, awareness raising campaigns, training e-seminars, lectures, discussion groups, dissemination of periodic information material, and other related activities.

MEMBERS- ADMISSION- END OF ADMISSION- SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Article 4: The members of the Association are divided into four categories:

a) Effective members: these can be private individuals or organisations of public entities, institutions and associations related to the scope and goals of the Association. These could be related to

- * scientific or technical centres
- * energy related associations
- * industrial and professional associations
- * banks and financial institutions
- * manufacturers and installers
- * consumer associations
- * consulting companies

- * development agencies
- * universities, academic institutions
- * chambers
- * national and international organisations concerned with energy related and financial topics
- * environmental NGO's

b) Honorary members: they are either persons or organisations invited by the Council to contribute to the aims of the Association. They have the same rights and obligations as the other members but they are not obliged to pay the membership fee and in that case have no right to vote.

Article 5: This association shall have a minimum number of 8 members, failing which it will be wound up according to law.

Article 6: The requests for membership must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Association. Organisations, foundations and governmental bodies seeking membership must include in their application form the name of the person who will represent them.

Article 7: The Executive Council will consider all applications for membership, and shall reserve the right to refuse any applications on grounds determined by compatibility criteria.

Article 8: All members, except honorary members, have to pay an annual membership fee. The amount of the fee is decided upon by the General Assembly.

Article 11: A membership is terminated by: voluntary resignation, exclusion of a member or a member's demise.

Article 12: The Executive Council will decide the exclusion of a member by a two-thirds majority due to:

* behaviour which in the view of the Council violates the goals and the statute of the Association.

* Unjustified overdue delay of membership fee exceeding 2 years.

ADMINISTRATION - ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 13: The Association's organs are:

* The General Assembly

* The Executive Council.

Article 14: The Executive Council shall be composed of at least 3 persons but shall not exceed 8 persons.

Article 15: The positions are: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, public relations officer, international liaison officer and up to two members. Members of the Executive Council may hold more than one position simultaneously.

Article 16: All positions held within the Executive Council are on a voluntary (Honorary) basis.

Article 17: The mandate of the Executive Council lasts for two years.

Article 18: The General Assembly convenes in the first quarter of each calendar year.

Article 19: The minutes of the General Assembly are to be distributed within one month of the last meeting.

Article 20: All members, having settled their financial obligations to the Association, have the right to submit candidacy for membership at the Executive Council.

Article 21: The President, the Vice-President, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary will be assigned their posts by mutual agreement or in case of disagreement, by majority, during the first Executive Council meeting after their election.

Article 22: The President chairs the General Assembly's meetings and the Executive Council's meetings or delegates this function, in case of his/her absence.

Article 23: The impeachment of the President and Council Members requires two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.

Article 24: The Executive Council represents the Association to third parties.

Article 25: The Executive Council is responsible for:

- the implementation/execution of the Association's Programme of action;
- the approval of the Secretary's activity report of the preceding year as well as the programme and the budget for the next year
- the approval of the annual financial report;
- the presentation of all reports to the General Assembly.

Article 26: The Executive Council can delegate part of its authorities/tasks to one of its members, one of the Association's members or the Secretary.

Article 27: The President or the Secretary (on behalf of the President) signs all official documents and correspondences.

MEETINGS

Article 28: The President or the Secretary (on behalf of the President) convenes the meetings of the Associations' organs in writing, at least 7 days before the meeting and submits a draft agenda.

Article 29: The quorum of the General Assembly is constituted by half plus one of the association's fully paid-up members are present.

Article 30: In case that the quorum is not reached, the President has the authority to call for a new meeting at a later date, during which decisions may be reached, irrespective of the number of members present.

Article 31: Every effective member has the right to one vote. It is possible by written proxy for one member, to express the vote of another member. A member cannot exercise more than three votes.

RESOURCES- BUDGET- ACCOUNTS

Article 32: The Association's resources comprise the following:

- membership fees
- donations
- revenues from services rendered to other parties
- sponsorships
- government and corporate support
- other interests and revenues

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

Article 33: The General Assembly may amend the Statute by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Council not less than one month before the General Assembly meeting.

Article 34: Proposed amendments shall be communicated by the General Assembly to all members of the Association.

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 35: In case of dissolution the Association's assets will be passed on to another association with similar goals and activities.