

# **THE STATUTE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS**

## **Article 1. TITLE AND LOCATION**

1.1. The Council of European Foresters (hereinafter referred to as C.E.F.), founded in 2011, is an European democratic, apolitical and non-religious organization for foresters and associations, societies and unions actively engaged in forestry.

1.2. Its domicile will be the address of the President.

## **Article 2. OBJECTIVES AND MEANS**

The objectives of C.E.F. are:

2.1. to develop the understanding among foresters and between foresters and society.

2.2. to sustain, at the country, European and global level, the interests of the foresters, members of C.E.F.

2.3. to develop the international solidarity between the foresters.

2.4. to inform the organization members about the topics and issues of the world and continental forestry sector.

2.5. to represent member organizations and foresters at the international institutions as UN, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Council, European Commission and others related to the forestry field, natural environment, bioenergy reserves, wood and biomass and to the labor relations field.

2.6. to develop contacts, understanding and cooperation among C.E.F. members and between the C.E.F. and other international foresters organizations.

2.7. to develop exchange of knowledge and experience on forestry issues between the organization members.

2.8. to promote the provisions of the Forester's Declaration for their recognition and implementation by the states and international institutions.

2.9. to use the forest expertise experience of its members within the Advisory Group of Forest Experts during the contacts with the institutions of the Council of Europe and European Union. In this respect, CEF will establish the Advisory Group of Forest Experts which shall consist three foresters from each foresters organization member of CEF and the representative of forestry state university or forestry state faculty from any European country, and a representative of each national forest research institute from any country of Europe. These representatives from forestry state universities or faculties and from national forest research institutes will become members of CEF. The Rules of Organization and Functioning of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts will be approved by CEF.

2.10. to use the prestige and professional performance of CEF members within the European Forestry Academic Society (EFAS) during contacts with the institutions, organizations and personalities from Europe and other continents. CEF Board establishes EFAS. The Organization and Functioning Rules of EFAS will be approved by CEF Board. The EFAS Board will be elected by CEF Board.

## **Article 3. MEMBERSHIP**

3.1. Any forester and any organization and association of foresters from Europe are eligible for membership of the C.E.F.

3.2. The foresters who apply to join the C.E.F. shall indicate in their membership application that they work or have worked in forestry. Member organizations of the C.E.F must democratically organize, apolitical and non-religious.

3.3. The applications for membership shall be decided by simple majority of votes of CEF Board. The membership applications of the organizations or associations of foresters shall be decided by simple majority of votes of CEF Board after an analysis of the request presentation, statute and the establishing official documents of them. The membership applications of other organizations from the same country have to have the recommendation of the CEF member organization from that country.

3.4. In case a C.E.F. member acts or has acted contrary to the interests of C.E.F., or which no longer meets the criteria for membership of the C.E.F., it will be warned by the President about the possibility of expelling from C.E.F. Expulsion shall be decided by a simple majority of the next meeting of C.E.F., after the warning.

3.5. The total number of members is formed of the foresters who joined the C.E.F. in their own name and of the foresters members of the organizations affiliated to C.E.F.

#### **Article 4. C.E.F. STRUCTURE**

The bodies responsible for the C.E.F. management are:

4.1. The Council of European Foresters

4.2. The Board of the Council of European Foresters

4.3 The President

#### **Article 5. THE BOARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS**

5.1. The Board of the C.E.F. is the supreme authority of the C.E.F. and shall meet at least once every Presidency period in an ordinary meeting and every time needed in extraordinary meetings.

5.2. The Board of the C.E.F. decides about the C.E.F. objectives and strategy for the next year. C.E.F. Board Resolutions can be taken in C.E.F. Board meetings directly, on Skype or similar procedures. C.E.F. Resolutions are obtained by vote or by agreement.

5.3. The Board of the C.E.F. consists of: - the President of C.E.F. (elected by C.E.F. Board) who shall have one vote in the Council meeting, - the Vicepresidents of C.E.F. (each member organization will have a representative as a Vicepresident of C.E.F.) who shall, each, have one vote in the Council meeting, - the foresters who have joined the C.E.F. in their own name, each country of origin of the foresters having one vote in the C.E.F. Board meetings, the Honour C.E.F. Presidents elected by C.E.F. Board , who will have each one vote.

5.4. The costs of participants attending the Board of the C.E.F. meetings shall be supported by them or their organizations.

5.5. Decisions of the Board of the C.E.F. shall be taken by simple majority of the votes.

5.6. Other foresters members and other members of the organizations, affiliated to the C.E.F., can also attend the meetings of the Board of the C.E.F., having an observer status.

#### **Article 6. THE PRESIDENT**

6.1. The President represents the C.E.F. in any international contacts regarding the foresters' interests.

6.2. The Board of the C.E.F. will decide the order of countries for the C.E.F. Presidency. The C.E.F. Presidency for a country is one year. For a country to gain access for an other time as C.E.F. President it is necessary that all the other countries to have held this position or to have rejected it. After C.E.F. Board decided the order of countries for the C.E.F. Presidency, C.E.F. Board will elect the C.E.F. President for one year. C.E.F. Board can decide to prolong the CEF Presidency period with one or two years.

6.3. The President has to participate to all the important forestry meetings and to present the C.E.F. position, established by the Board of the C.E.F.

6.4. The President has to inform periodically the C.E.F. members about the C.E.F. events and his activity for C.E.F.

6.5. The President must use a proper staff and logistic for a good running of the C.E.F. activity. It can be provided the continuity to the C.E.F. website, using the same holder, and the expenses shall be supported by the organization which holds the Presidency. All the costs related to the President's activity, including participation at international meetings, shall be supported by him or his/her organization.

6.6. In the interests of the C.E.F. and for the continuity of the C.E.F. activity, the C.E.F. President is assisted in his work by Honor C.E.F. President, by former C.E.F. President and next C.E.F. President. Also, the C.E.F. President is supported in his activity by the President of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (A.G.F.E.E.) and the President of European Forestry Academic Society (E.F.A.S.). In this regard, all the costs related to C.E.F. activity is supported by C.E.F. participants or their organizations.

#### **Article 7. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

7.1. There is no subscription of the member organizations or members to C.E.F.

7.2. For attending the manifestations organized by C.E.F., the costs shall be supported by each delegate (organization).

#### **Article 8. GENERAL**

8.1. This Statute was approved by the C.E.F. Board on 4th of February 2021.