

Pursuant to Article 10 11th and 12 of the Law on Associations (Official gazette RS 51-2009) at the meeting held on 31.07.2014 adopted the present founders are:

## **STATUTE**

### **Network for Rural Development of Serbia**

#### **I. General Provisions**

##### Article 1

Association "Mreža za ruralni razvoj Srbije" - "Network for Rural Development of Serbia" (hereinafter referred to as the Network) is a voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization, founded on freedom of association of natural or legal persons, established to improve the quality of life and balanced regional development rural areas of Serbia.

##### Article 2

Statute of the work of the Network establishes the name and address of the association; area achieving the goals, objectives for which they are established; internal organization, authorities, their powers, composition, election and recall, the term of office and method of decision-making process to amend the Constitution and procedure making changes and other general acts of the association, if it adopts; represent the association; achieving transparency, the conditions of membership and termination of membership, rights, obligations and responsibilities of members, methods of acquiring resources to achieve the objectives and available resources, including the provisions on economic and other activity that confers tax, if the association carries out, a way to decide on status changes and termination of the Network; treatment of assets of the Association in the event of termination of the Network; process of adoption of financial and other reports; appearance and content of the stamp.

##### Article 3

Name of the Association: "The Network for Rural Development of Serbia" - "The Network for Rural Development of Serbia".

The association has its head office in Kraljevo, at Heroja Maričića 86. The field of activity is the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

##### Article 4

The network is a legal entity and shall have all the rights, duties and responsibilities defined by the Law and these Articles of Association.

##### Article 5

The association has its own seal and trademark (logo). Stamp of the networks are circular, and contains the name and address of the organization written in Cyrillic and Latin alphabets.

Trademark (logo) set Management Board of the network.

## Article 6

The work of the association is open to the public. Publicity of work ensure in accordance with this Statute.

## II. Area to achieve the objectives

### Article 7

#### Vision of the Network

Evenly developed rural Serbia, where are desirable place to live, where people work and their activities contribute to the preservation, development and improvement of resources, values and advantages having rural communities.

#### Mission of the Network

The network is intended to provide support to stakeholders in rural development, through the identification of initiation, promotion and networking of participants, and the potential benefits that contribute to the strengthening of regional development and improve the quality of life in rural communities.

#### The values of the network

The network will base its work on the principles of free will, democracy, openness, equal opportunity, gender equality, transparency and implementation of best practices in respect of the standard of local features that are present in rural communities Serbia.

### Article 8

The main objectives of the Network are:

- Develop a set of services for members of the network and other users,
- Establish mechanisms for sharing information between network members and relevant institutions,
- The network actively mediate between the user and the relevant institutions in rural development ,
- The network acts as an independent advisory body with an active role in the programming of rural development,
- The network is recognized and accepted as relevant partner by European institutions and the rural network,
- The network has an active role in the monitoring and implementation of the Rural Development Plan,
- The network is a relevant actor in the field of rural development and the promoter of the value of rural Serbia.

## Article 9

The network defined objectives in the following ways:

1. Launching the initiative, in cooperation with local governments, associations and all other stakeholders to develop a strategy of rural development at the local level.
2. Initiative for the establishment of local action groups in the municipalities, as well as the involvement of all stakeholders from municipal, civil and commercial sectors.
3. Raising the total capacity to work on the activities undertaken in the field of rural development and agricultural support, including information about the program of incentives MoA and European institutions.
4. Establishing functional cooperation with MoA and existing rural networks abroad.
5. Implementation and training courses for rural populations and the other holders of rural development.

### **III. Membership and Organization**

#### Membership in the Network

##### Article 10

Network members can be all natural and legal persons under the conditions provided for by law, and if accepting the Statute and the values of the association.

##### Article 11

Network members have the same rights, duties and responsibilities.

##### Article 12

Status in the Association is obtained by:

- interested parties to submit the membership application in writing containing a statement of acceptance of the Statute and the obligation of acting pursuant to the objectives of the Network,
- attached to the approval of the membership at least two founders and
- proof of payment of the membership fee.

On the application for membership of the Management Board will decide at the next meeting. If the request is accepted, the status gets the date of the decision the Board of Directors Network.

If the application for membership is rejected, the interested entity within 15 days is entitled to appeal to the Assembly of the Network. The Parliament's decision is final. If the Assembly's decision is positive, the interested party receives status from the date of the decision.

### Article 13

Membership in the Network is terminated: if the member voluntarily withdraws by filing a written request, be excluded from the system in the event of death or termination of a legal entity.

Article turns off if inactive for a long time, in case of damage to the reputation of the Network, violation of the provisions of the Statute, failure to pay dues of more than one year.

Board of Directors decides on the exclusion, based on available information or upon a proposal by at least three members of the Network.

The appeal decided by the Assembly.

### Article 14

A member of the Network has the right to:

- an equal footing with other members in achieving the objectives of the Network;
- participate directly in the work and decisions of the Assembly and other organs of the Network;
- elect and be elected to the Network and
- be promptly and fully informed about the activities of the Network
- benefits and other benefits and incentives that achieve network for its members.

The member shall:

- actively contributing to the objectives of the Network,
- participate in accordance with the interest in the activities of the Network,
- pay the membership fee ,
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Administrative Committee or the Assembly of the Network.

### Article 15

Honorary member or responsible , in addition to regular members , can become any other person if it works or training related to the purposes and principles of the Network , and if in this action emphasized and made a substantial contribution.

Honorary member of the award granted by the Assembly of the Network, upon a proposal by the Board or at least 10 members of assembly. This recognition is awarded to outstanding individuals or organizations whose work contributes to achieving the goals of the network.

An honorary member is entitled to attend and discussion, without the right to vote at the meeting, meetings of the Board and all working bodies that organize network.

### Article 16

The network keeps the register of members.

## Article 17

The bodies of the Network are the Assembly, the Board and the Supervisory Board.

## ASSEMBLY

## Article 18

Assembly is the supreme body of the Association.

Assembly consists of all members.

Legal entities delegate their representatives as members of the Assembly in writing.

## Article 19

Assembly of the Network:

a) Approves and issues:

- Articles of Association, its amendments,
- enactments of the Network,
- confirms the decision of the Board under the jurisdiction of Parliament , and were adopted by her authority between meetings of the Assembly,
- Financial plan network,
- the financial statements,
- application of the network,
- Annual Report of the Network,
- the amount , manner and terms of payment of dues,

b) Appoint and dismiss:

- President of the Assembly,
- President of the Network
- Board members and
- Members of the Supervisory Board.

c) Decide on joining other alliances and networks

d) Changes in the status of the association and the dissolution of the association,

e) as well as other issues relevant to the work of the association.

## Article 20

Assembly elects the President for a term of 4 years.

The decision to call the election by the Assembly within 60 days before the expiry of the mandate of the Assembly.

#### Article 21

Assembly for the meetings to be held as necessary and at least once a year. Convened by the President of the Assembly, in consultation with the President of the Network.

#### Article 22

An Extraordinary General Meeting must be convened if the request for convening, in writing, to submit one third of the association or the Board proposal. The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held at the latest within 30 days of the request for convening.

#### Article 23

President of the Assembly:

- Chair the Assembly. In the absence of proxy is a member of the Assembly authorized by the Assembly;
- sign decisions and other acts of Parliament;
- together with the President of the Network of care and be responsible for implementing the network mode , decisions, opinions, conclusions and other acts passed by Parliament;
- participate in the work of the Board and
- ensure the orderly conduct of Register of the members.

#### Article 24

President of the Association

The Association President is the legal representative of the association.

Network president appointed and dismissed by the Assembly on the proposal of the Network Steering Committee of the Network or at least two founders

President of the Network must have a secondary or higher education.

#### Article 25

President of the Network:

- a network and is responsible for the legality of the Network;
- signed by the official acts and documents ;
- Responsible for the execution of the financial plan of the Network;
- Manages the work of the Network and coordinate the work and activities of the Network;
- give instructions to the expert services.

President of the Network is responsible to the Steering Committee and the Assembly of the Network.

President of the Network of its function as a volunteer or as a person working full time.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Article 26

The Steering Committee is the executive body of the Association. Board of Directors consists of seven members, namely the President, Vice President and five members.

President of the Association and the President (or Secretary) of the Association are members of the Board.

The mandate of the Board is 4 years with the possibility of reappointment.

### Article 27

Selection of the Board of Directors shall be at the session public vote.

The Board of Directors may be elected by all members of the network taking into account the presence of the members of the entire territory of the Republic of Serbia.

### Article 28

The Steering Committee shall perform the following tasks:

- Manages the affairs of the association,
- Decide on the internal organization of the Association,
- Implement the decisions , conclusions and other measures adopted by the Assembly of the Association,
- Preparation Programme of the Association, proposed to the Parliament and to ensure its enforcement,
- Submits the report to the Association, the draft financial plan and the draft annual accounts ( financial statements ) of the Association,
- Determine the fee for special services provided by the Association at the request of members or stakeholders,
- Wins the periodical financial statements and implement financial policies of the Association,
- Preparation of proposed amendments to the Constitution and by-laws of the Association,
- Adopt its rules of procedure,
- Provide guidance to the Secretary (or President ) of the Association and professional services,
- Draft the decision on the appointment (appointment) Secretary of the Association,
- Decide on the establishment of the body to the Board of Directors determines the issues with the scope of their work ,
- Adopt an act on the organization and work of the Secretariat , on the future of work and job and act regulating labor relations and other professional services of the Association in accordance with the law, collective agreements and other regulations,
- Decide on the provision of material and financial assistance to members of the Association,

- Initiate the adoption and amendments of laws and other regulations and measures relevant to the development of rural areas ,
- Consider the proposals, the views and opinions of members and shall take appropriate measures,
- Delegated representatives of the Association of agencies and organizations in accordance with the law , in order to achieve the objectives of the association,
- Performs other tasks in accordance with the Law, this Statute and other general acts of the Association.

## SUPERVISORY BOARD

### Article 29

The Supervisory Board consists of seven members: the President, Vice President and five members from among the members of the Association elected by public vote Assembly for a term of 4 years and may be reappointed.

Members of the Supervisory Board may not be members of the bodies of the Association, or may have other functions in the association.

### Article 30

The Supervisory Board supervises the financial and material operations and compliance with laws and regulations in the Association.

Supervisory board in supervising the financial affairs of the Association has the right to inspect the financial records and information about its findings to the Assembly of the Association.

The Supervisory Board shall report to the Assembly at least once a year.

### Article 31

The Supervisory Board shall work in sessions that are held as necessary, but at least once a year before the adoption of the annual accounts (financial statements - annual financial statement) of the Association.

Meetings of the Supervisory Board shall be convened by its President on his need and at the request of the Assembly or the Board of Directors or at the written request of at least one third of the members of the Association.

## SECRETARY

### Article 32

The Association has a Secretary appointed on the proposal of the Management Board are appointed and appointed by the Assembly of the Association for a period of 4 years and may be reappointed .

### Article 33

Secretary directly manage the affairs of professional service, ensure the legality of the Association, participate in the preparation of the sessions of the Association , is organizing the



implementation of their decisions and conclusions and ensure the implementation of the program of work and financial plan of the Association.

For his work the Secretary is responsible to the Assembly and the Board of Directors of the Association.

In the event of incapacity in managing professional services and carrying out administrative work, he is replaced by a staff member designated Chairman of the Board, if the Secretary was unable to do so.

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Secretary exercised the professional staff of the Association, if placed in continuous operation by the Assembly of the Association, after the competition, or pursuant to the service contract, in accordance with the Labour Law and the Statute.

#### Article 34

On the recommendation of the Board Association Assembly may remove the Secretary before the date of appointment if found not to execute the tasks and obligations under the law, the Articles of Association and by-laws of the Association and may initiate appropriate legal proceedings.

### **IV Funding of the Association**

#### Article 35

The funds for the associations provide members of the Association of contributions and membership fees.

Income associations and fees from services to association members and other users, as well as other income (grants, gifts, donations, sponsorships and the like).

#### Article 36

The Assembly of the Association deciding about scale of contributions, membership fees, and the manner of their collection.

Fees for special services and the provision of technical services and the like. Determined by the Management Board of the Association.

In order to perform certain tasks or enforcement actions and activities of common interest, members of the Association may join funds and establish funds for special purpose, if it is in accordance with the objectives and goals of the Association.

#### Article 37

The funds for the work of the Technical Service gross salary of the Secretary of the Association or other persons, or for the performance of the contract under Article 33 Paragraph 4 this Statute shall be provided in the financial plan of the Association.

## CLOSING OF THE ORGANIZATION

### Article 38

Network stops with the decision of the Assembly, when the conditions for achieving the objectives of the Network, as well as in other cases provided by law or necessary to be transformed into another form of organization.

In the event of termination of the Network Board of Directors proposes to the Assembly to decide on the procedure with the remaining assets in a way that is returned founders, donors or donate organizations or institutions whose principles and practice of acting in accordance with the principles and operation of the Network, and as the Assembly.

A person who is represented by network is obliged to report the termination of the Network to the competent authority within 15 days of termination of work and responsible, perform on behalf of the Network after the termination of her work.

### Article 39

This Statute shall enter into force upon adoption by the Constituent Assembly of the Network, and shall be the date of registration with the competent authority.

Belgrade, 31.07.2014

President of the Network

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