

Statutes of the Youth organization of the party *Latvijas Attīstībai*

Youth organization (hereinafter referred to as Attistibai Youth) of the party *Latvijas attistibai* (hereinafter referred to as the Party) unites young people – the Party members and supporters, and represents their opinion to the board of the Party and during the meeting of the members. The Attistibai Youth objective is to involve the youth in achievement of the main targets of the Party.

Attistibai Youth operates under Latvian law, Statutes of the Party and this Regulation. Attistibai Youth is not an independent legal entity.

1. The Attistibai Youth objectives are to:

- 1.1. promote the classical liberal policy formulations of the Party;
- 1.2. build and strengthen awareness about the basic principles of democracy and civil society among youth;
- 1.3. educate in policy matters, preparing young people for the participation in a democratic, competent and honest public administration;
- 1.4. formulate and offer to the board and members of the Party their opinions, to prepare draft decisions and to report to the Party position on youth policy, as well as other issues topical in the society;
- 1.5. ensure the participation of young specialists in the operation of the Party;
- 1.6. promote recruitment of new Party supporters,
- 1.7. plan, organize and participate in public events, seminars, conferences, discussions and similar activities about internal policy, social processes and foreign policy issues in Europe;
- 1.8. develop and improve cooperation with the liberal ideology representative political youth organizations and foundations in Latvia, in the Baltic region, in the European Union, and elsewhere in order to implement common projects;

2. Membership issues.

- 2.1. The Attistibai Youth membership is open to all Party members aged from 18 to 30 years.
- 2.2. The Attistibai Youth members shall be admitted by the Attistibai Youth board, on personal application, in accordance with the procedure established by the board.
- 2.3. The Attistibai Youth board shall take the decisions on the admission by the majority of votes of the Attistibai Youth board members.
- 2.4. If Party member is not admitted to the Attistibai Youth, the applicant may re-submit an application for admission to Attistibai Youth in three months.
- 2.5. The member of the Party may withdraw from the Attistibai Youth at any time by notifying the Attistibai Youth board in writing.
- 2.6. The Attistibai Youth board may exclude a member from the Attistibai Youth in the following cases:
 - 2.6.1. the Attistibai Youth member fails to comply with or violates the law, the Statutes of the Party, fails to comply with its program, does not comply with decisions taken by the Party or has lost the Attistibai Youth board confidence;
 - 2.6.2. by his/her actions Attistibai Youth member discredits or causes a significant damage to the Party or the Attistibai Youth;
 - 2.6.3. when joining the Attistibai Youth the Party member lied about himself/herself.

2.7 The decision on exclusion of a member from the Attistibai Youth is adopted by the Attistibai Youth board and it can be challenged only by the Party board. The person concerned should be invited to the consideration of the proposal.

3. According to the procedure established by the board as the Attistibai Youth supporter may be admitted any individual person who supports the Party objectives and program and who is aged between 16 and 30.

4. The Attistibai Youth member has the rights to:

4.1. participate in the Party and Attistibai Youth work, visit actions organized by the Party and the Attistibai Youth;

4.2. get information about the Attistibai Youth and Party current work issues;

4.3. support the Party in its work within its capabilities;

4.4. express and defend their views in the Attistibai Youth, Party and its institutions;

4.5. submit proposals to improve the functioning and achievement of the objectives of the Attistibai Youth;

4.6. vote and to be elected to positions and in the institutions of the Attistibai Youth.

5. The Attistibai Youth member has the obligations to:

5.1. comply with the Statues of the Party and this Regulation, as well as execute the member meetings and Board decisions;

5.2. promote the targets and objectives of the Party among the youth and society as a whole;

5.3. support with his/her active participation the realization of the targets and objectives specified in the Party Statutes and this Regulation;

5.4. report to the Attistibai Youth institutions of the shortcomings observed in its operation.

6. The Attistibai Youth General Meeting is the highest decision-making body of the Attistibai Youth.

6.1. The Attistibai Youth meeting is convened at least once a year and the Attistibai Youth chairperson and four board members are elected for one year.

6.2. The Attistibai Youth meeting convened by the chairperson of its own initiative or if requested by four board members or not less than one-fourth of the Attistibai Youth members. If the Attistibai Youth meeting is requested by board members, the Attistibai Youth chairperson is obliged to convene the Attistibai Youth meeting three weeks after receiving the request.

6.3. The election of the chairperson and members of the Attistibai Youth is secret. To the position of the chairperson and board members of the Attistibai Youth at the meeting of the Attistibai Youth may stand as candidates only Attistibai Youth members. Applications for the position of the chairperson and board members of the Attistibai Youth shall be submitted in accordance with procedures established by the Attistibai Youth board prior to the start of the agenda of the meeting of the Attistibai Youth.

7. The Attistibai Youth board is an independently functioning body that chairs the work of the Attistibai Youth between the meetings. The Attistibai Youth board shall:

7.1. elect the deputy chairperson from among themselves;

7.2. ensure implementation of the decisions of the Attistibai Youth meeting;

7.3. be valid if at its meeting are sitting by more than half of its members. Decisions are taken by the majority of the Attistibai Youth board members present. If votes are tied, the chairperson of the Attistibai Youth shall be casting vote;

7.4. organize their meetings at least once a month and they shall be open to Party members, except where the Attistibai Youth board shall decide on a closed session;

7.5. vote for the dismissal of a board member from board member duties on the Attistibai Youth chairperson or at least one-third of the Attistibai Youth board members initiative if he/she has not appeared for meetings three consecutive times without a good reason. The decision is taken by the two-thirds votes of the board members;

7.6. The Attistibai Youth board member may submit a written notice about board member position severance to the Attistibai Youth board. If the Attistibai Youth board member leaves the position he/she is replaced by the next candidate who in previous board elections received the most votes, but not elected to the board.

8. The Attistibai Youth chairperson:

8.1. shall represent the Attistibai Youth, organize and lead the Attistibai Youth meetings, the Attistibai Youth board meetings. During the absence of the chairperson these duties shall be performed by the deputy chairperson;

8.2. is entitled to ask any Attistibai Youth member to perform the tasks required to achieve the Attistibai Youth targets and objectives;

8.3. the Attistibai Youth chairperson or other his/her authorized representative shall have the right on behalf of the Attistibai Youth and its members at board meetings of the Party to ask questions and speak in the debate. About all the matters discussed and the opinions expressed on the board of the Party, the Attistibai Youth chairperson or his/her authorized representative shall inform the Attistibai Youth board at its next meeting.

9. The Attistibai Youth may have their own regional support groups. They shall be set up in accordance with the Party regional/territorial department structure and eliminated by the decision of the Attistibai Youth board.

10. The Attistibai Youth may create commissions and working groups upon a decision of the Attistibai Youth board, defining their tasks. Commissions and working groups are entitled to claim information necessary for its activities and explanations from the Attistibai Youth members. Proposals of the commissions and the working groups shall be submitted for examination and discussion to the Attistibai Youth board.

11. The Attistibai Youth financial resources and material and technical base is part of the property of the Party, and they are constituted by funds granted by the Party, which are granted from the donated funds to the Party or donations made specifically for the Attistibai Youth. The Attistibai Youth funds are spent using the Party's bank account in a credit institution under the supervision of the board of the Party and according to procedure established by it.

12. The Attistibai Youth Regulation shall be adopted and amended by the board of the Party.

13. The Attistibai Youth shall be eliminated, if at the Attistibai Youth meeting all its members vote in favor or if the board of the Party votes for it. If the Attistibai Youth is closed, it cannot longer use the name nor the symbols of the Party.

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