

II. AZ EGYESÜLET CÉLJA ÉS TEVÉKENYSÉGEI

THE PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. § Az Egyesület céljai és alapértékei The purpose and core values of the association

(1) Az Egyesület célja, hogy a magyar civil társadalom önszerveződését, közéletben való részvételét, politikai tudatosságának kialakítását, és az állampolgárok demokratikus és felelős állampolgári nevelését és oktatását előmozdítsa.

The purpose of the Association is to promote the self-organization of the Hungarian civil society, its participation in public life, its political awareness, and to contribute to the education of responsible and democratic citizens.

(2) Az Egyesület célja, hogy működése során kialakítsa saját politikai véleményét, stratégiáját és identitását, illetve megszervezze az Egyesület értékeivel azonosuló, az Egyesület céljainak megvalósítását vállaló egyének érdekközösségének alapjait.

The purpose of the Association is to form its own political opinion, strategy and identity. The goal of the Association is to organize a community of interest which is capable of accomplishing the purpose of the Association.

(3) Az Egyesület céljait egy, a magyar társadalmat alkotó polgárok és közösségek szabadságán és konszenzusán alapuló, demokratikus, a jogállami keretek szerint működő, átlátható és korrupciómentes állam megteremtésének elősegítésével kívánja folytatni. Ennek érdekében a közügyek széles spektrumán kíván véleményalkotásával és nyilvános tevékenységével felelősséget vállalni.

In order to achieve its goals, the Association aims to build a country which is based on the liberty and consensus of its citizens and communities, is democratic and ruled by law, is transparent and corruption free. In order to accomplish that, the Association will form opinions on a wide range of public affairs and will participate in public activities.

(4) Az Egyesület hisz az értékek egymással párhuzamos érvényre jutásának társadalmi hasznosságában, illetve a piacgazdaság és a teljesítményelvűség hatékonyságában, vallja ugyanakkor azt is, hogy ez csak az esélyegyenlőség és a társadalmi mobilitás mindenkori biztosításával vezethet igazságos eredményre. Az Egyesület támogatja az egyéni felelősségvállalást, vallja azt is, hogy a társadalom közös értékei és érdekei közös és kölcsönös segítségvállalást kívánnak meg.

The Association believes in the social benefits of advocating plurality, and the efficiency of a performance-based market economy. At the same time, the Association professes that a fair outcome may only be achieved by providing equal opportunities and granting social mobility. The Association promotes the personal responsibility in society and believes that the values and aims of the society have to be supported by reciprocity.

(5) Az Egyesület, amellett, hogy elismeri a rendszerváltoztatást követő időszak során létrejött demokratikus intézményeket és vívmányokat, mélységesen elítéli a politikai elit önző tevékenységét, így különösen az emberek megosztására és társadalmi konfliktusok kiélezésére épülő politikai tevékenységet, az önérdeteket a közérdek elé helyező, a korrupciónak teret biztosító és abban aktívan résztvevő, illetve a demokratikus alapértékekkel szembeálló hatalomgyakorlást. Ebből fakadóan az Egyesület céljait e politikai elit, illetve az azt kiszolgáló személyek és szervezetek részvétele nélkül kívánja elérni, és tagjaitól is megkívánja, hogy függetlenek legyenek e politikai szerveződésektől.

While acknowledging the democratic bodies founded during the change of the regime, the association condemns the selfish behaviour of the political elite, with special regard to the political activity aiming to divide people and generate social conflict. It condemns the usage of power for self interest or against democratic values, and castigates creating opportunity for corruption. Hence the association wants to achieve its goals without cooperating with the establishment, and requires its members to be independent from these political groups.

(6) Az Egyesület nem gazdasági célú, és nem folytat a Civil törvény 2. § 22. pontjában foglalt közvetlen politikai tevékenységet.

The association does not serve business purposes, and does not conduct direct political activity conducted in section 22 of Act II on NGOs.^[a]

3. § Az Egyesület tevékenysége The activities of the association

(1) Az Egyesület főtevékenysége TEÁOR 9492 – Politikai tevékenység és TEÁOR 9499 – Mns egyéb közösségi, társadalmi tevékenység.

The main activity of the association is TEÁOR 9492 - Political activity and TEÁOR 9499 - Community and social services, and others not listed elsewhere^[b]

(2) Az Egyesület főtevékenységén belül az alábbi kiemelt tevékenységekkel kíván foglalkozni:

Among the main activities of the association, the following tasks are emphasized:

a) az Egyesület alapértékeinek érvényre juttatása;

Implementing the core values of the association;

b) közjogi, politikai, kulturális ismeretek terjesztése, oktatása;

Sharing legal, political and cultural knowledge;

c) politikai vitakörök, előadások, munkacsoportok szervezése;

Organising debates, lectures, and workshops;

d) kutatási tevékenység;

Research activity;

e) politikai és szakmai programok, projektek, stratégiák kidolgozása és végrehajtása (pl. közegészségügyi koncepció kialakítása, karitatív akciók, jogszerű tüntetések, felvonulások);

Planning and executing political and professional programmes, projects and strategies (consisting of public health conceptions, charity, lawful protest and marches);

f) szakmai kiadványok kiadása és árusítása, videók, hangfelvételek előállítása és terjesztése;

Production and distribution of professional publications, video and audio recordings;

g) kiállítások, bemutatók, konzultációk, találkozók megszervezése;

Organisation of exhibitions and consultations;

h) az Egyesület tagságának szolidaritását erősítő rendezvények megszervezése

(sportfoglalkozások, italkóstolók, stb. formájában)

Team building within the association (such as sport and cultural activities)^[c];

i) politikai stratégia- és véleményformálás, az Egyesület politikai identitásának kialakítása;

Forming strategy, opinion and the association's political identity;

j) kapcsolattartás a magyar és a nemzetközi civil szféra politikai tevékenységet folytató tagjaival, szakmai és nem pártjellegű politikai szervezetekkel, illetve a médiával;

Handling relations with both national and international political organisations, professional and non-partisan political organisations and the media;

k) az ifjúság politikai, közéleti tudatosságának növelése szemináriumok, előadások keretében;

Making the youth more active in politics and public affairs with seminars and lectures;

l) az Egyesület gazdálkodásának megszervezése,

Planning the financial management of the association;

m) az egyenlő bánásmódról és az esélyegyenlőség előmozdításáról szóló 2003. évi CXXV. törvény (Ebh tv.) 3. § e) pontja szerinti civil és érdek-képviselői szervezet, amely az Ebh tv. 18. §-a alapján képviselőt lát el az Egyesület politikai tevékenységeivel kapcsolatban az Egyesület tagjait és egyéb természetes személyeket ért egyenlő bánásmód követelményének – különösen a véleménynyilvánítás szabadságának – megsértése miatt indult eljárásokban.

Protecting its member's rights in connection with its political activity, especially on free speech and equal treatment, according to the section 3 of Act CXXV. of 2003 on equal treatment and opportunities.^[d]

Political Manifesto

We believe in critical rationalism when it comes to politics and current events. We want to encourage young people to get inspired by politics, to develop their own opinions and speak up, and to discuss with each other. We want to critically question dogmas and prejudices in the spirit of enlightenment, demonstrate courage, strengthen the judgment and encourage both a personal and social sense of responsibility. We represent a political culture of respect, where the values of discussion and freedom of expression are upheld. We are tolerant towards what is foreign and unknown - more than that, we understand diversity and individuality as enrichments of life and are proud to bring these principles to life in our organization.

Freedom and Responsibility

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are different, and equally imperfect. Freedom means being able to choose from a variety of possibilities based on self-determination. It means being able to achieve something without oppression, dependence and coercion, provided the freedom rights of others are not affected. With the right to freedom man also has the duty to take responsibility for his own life. He also has responsibility for the successful development of social interactions and the political process. Freedom does not release man from his responsibility. On the contrary, it obliges him to responsibility at a level that would never be reached with State constraints.

Political Liberalism

We want the greatest possible competition between political ideas, the greatest possible participation of people in decision-making and the possibility of control and restriction of political power by the people. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in any form in the democratic process. The democratic legal and constitutional State is the basis for a stable, developed democratic system. His political mechanisms are transparent and flexible to customize. The political parties have a duty to promote a differentiated political opinion formation in the population, and each person must have the ability to become personally involved with his knowledge and ability. Freedom is fundamental and border of liberal policies.

Civil Rights

Civil rights are the rights of individuals against the State. The State has to protect these rights, and also to vigorously defend them against third parties. Central for us is the State's unconditional respect and protection for the right to life and the right to liberty. As a prerequisite of a democratic system, we hold the right to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly particularly dear. Although all fundamental rights are of the same importance, a free and democratic discourse is virtually impossible without them, which is why the State must exercise utmost care in safeguarding these fundamental rights. In particular, personal lifestyles, such as various forms of partnership, are a fundamental right of every human being and may not be impeded by the State, discriminated against or even persecuted. The State has no right to violate the privacy of citizens through flat-rate storage of internet traffic records or escalating surveillance spying on the private lives of its citizens. Also, the State must guarantee the right to freedom of religion and the free exercise of any kind of religion. As liberals, we trust people to take responsibility for their

own lives. We see the mature citizen and his fundamental rights as the basis of the free democratic system. To enforce these rights, securing a strong independent judiciary is the most important requirement. The stable and reliable rule of law secures the freedom of the individual against the power of the State.

Economic Liberalism

The market economy has proved to be a highly successful economic system that ensures maximum performance and the ability for solid economic development. Inextricably linked to this are central liberties such as the freedom of trade or contract and the free choice of employment. Economic activity also retains a high priority for the personal development of the people. A market economy as we understand it combines central objectives of economic policy such as prosperity, employment, social equity and sustainable growth. The State has to provide for effective competition and reliable ownership laws as well as the right of disposal. The State has to promote the establishment of new economic activity. Liability represents the central element of a free market system to ensure reliability and equitable burden-sharing. The liability principle cannot simply be overridden in the event of a crisis.

Liberal Europe

For us as young liberals, Europe is much more than just a continent and more than just the European Union. We understand Europe as our homeland and origin and we feel at home in Europe. Thanks to the many freedoms for European citizens, national borders are becoming increasingly irrelevant. We want to lay the foundation for the United States of Europe by means of a Europe-wide referendum. A strong, united Europe is needed to meet global challenges.

Europe should speak with one voice in terms of our common foreign and security policy and should consistently represent the European perspective on an international level. All European citizens should feel at home anywhere in Europe and there should be no discrimination in any way against anybody because of their affiliation to any nation State.

Open Society

Freedom can flourish in a society only if it ensures the autonomy and self-development of individuals and social groups. This requires allowing an open competition between ideas and values. Only a variety of options implies real freedom of choice for people. An open society is characterized by tolerance. Different beliefs, customs and habits are accepted and respected. However, this tolerance ends where views with universal claim to truth come to light, putting those fundamental rights and freedoms that constitute the basis of the open society in question.

Sustainability

Environmental sustainability means to preserve nature and the environment for future generations. This means standing up for a lifestyle that claims natural resources only to the extent that they can be regenerated. Economic sustainability means to create an economic regulatory framework that secures a solid basis for prosperity and growth in the long term. This implies reasonable and long-term oriented use of economic resources as well as the rejection of a debt policy that serves as an increase of prosperity at the expense of future generations. Social sustainability is meant to ensure the active participation of all people in political decision-making in the long term, thus preserving the open society for our future. These three pillars of sustainability are inextricably linked together.

Liberal politics: the ability to question yourself

Liberal policy proclaims individual freedom as the basis of society. From this perspective, we as liberals set out our political objectives, knowing that ever-lasting solutions for social problems are as impossible as a liberal utopia. We only insist on the idea that every political decision has to bring more instead of less freedom to the people. Society is engaged in a constant process of change and requires to constantly challenge and redefine existing State structures and laws.