



Statutes of DEFCON Switzerland

1. NAME AND SEAT

Art. 1

Under the name "DEFCON Switzerland", exists an association under the definition of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC) Article 60ff. The association exists for an indefinite period.

Art. 2

The association is based in the municipality of Freienbach, Canton Schwyz.

2. PURPOSE

Art. 3

The association promotes knowledge transfer in matters of information security for members and the general public. It provides publicly accessible platforms (e.g. meetings, events, conferences) to fulfill this purpose.

Art. 4

The association does not pursue any commercial purposes and does not strive for profit. The organs work on a voluntary basis. This provision of the statutes is unchangeable.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5

Members of the association can become:

1. Individual members

The Executive Board decides on applications for membership with a three-quarters majority.

Art. 6

Membership expires through:

1. Resignation
2. Expulsion
3. Death

The resignation must be declared in writing. It can only take place at the end of a calendar year, subject to a 1-month notice period.

The Executive Board, with a three-quarters majority, can expel any member who is guilty of dishonorable conduct that damages the interests of the association or who fails to pay the membership fee, even after a reminder has been issued. The decision to exclude is usually only made after the member has been heard, is communicated to them in writing, and applies immediately. There is no possibility of recourse to the general meeting.

Art. 7

The annual membership fees for all types of membership are determined by the general assembly.

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4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Art. 8

Each member has the right to access the association's internal, non-public communication and information systems.

Art. 9

Each member is obliged to adhere to the ethical and legal principles when dealing with information systems.

Art. 10

The official language is English. Legal documents such as the statutes are drafted in German in order to optimize consistency with Swiss legislation. The language for a lecture, discussion or publication is chosen according to the target audience.

5. ORGANS

Art. 11

The structure of DEFCON Switzerland consists of:

- a. The General Assembly meeting
- b. The Executive Board
- c. The Auditor(s)

a. Then General Assembly

Art. 12

The General Assembly meeting takes place once a year.

The invitation to the Annual General Assembly meeting is issued in writing by the Executive Board with a notice period of at least 20 days, stating the agenda.

Motions for the Annual General Assembly meeting must be submitted in writing to the President no later than two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

Art. 13

An extraordinary General Assembly meeting is to be convened by resolution of the Executive Board, at the request of at least one fifth of the members, or at the request of the auditors. The invitation must be sent ten days before the scheduled meeting.

Art. 14

The tasks and powers of the General Assembly are as follows:

1. Approval of the annual report, the annual accounts, the balance sheet, as well as the auditor's assessment.
2. Discharge of the Executive Board and the Auditor(s).
3. Determination of the annual budget and the annual contributions.
4. Election of the President, the other Executive Board members and the auditors.
5. Dealing with requests from the Executive Board and members.
6. Amendment of the Statutes.

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7. Adoption of regulations.
8. Dissolution of the association.

Art. 15

The General Assembly meeting decides with a simple majority of the voters present. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

All members present have equal voting rights. Substitution is not permitted.

a. The Executive Board

Art. 16

The Executive Board consists of at least:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Actuary
4. Cashier

Accumulation of offices is not permitted. The Executive Board constitutes itself, with the exception of the President.

The term of office within the Executive Board is 1 year. Re-election is possible.

Art. 17

In principle, the Executive Board has all the powers that are not expressly reserved for the Annual General Assembly meeting. These are in particular:

- Preparation and implementation of ordinary and extraordinary general meetings.
- Drafting statutes, applications and regulations.
- Admission and expulsion of members.
- Supervision of committees.
- Nomination/confirmation and removal of members of the committees.

Art. 18

The Executive Board represents the association externally.

b. Auditor(s)

Art. 19

The financial year coincides with the calendar year.

Art. 20

The auditors examine the annual financial statements and submit a written report to the Annual General Assembly meeting. It submits an application to the general assembly meeting to grant or refuse the discharge to the treasurer and the Executive Board.

Art. 21

The General Assembly meeting determines the number of auditors, with a minimum of at least one. It can also provide for substitute auditors.

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Members of the Executive Board cannot be members of the Auditors at the same time.

6. ASSOCIATION ASSETS

Art. 22

The association's assets are formed from the annual membership fees, surpluses from the annual accounts, income from sponsors and patrons, events and legacies.

Art. 23

Only the assets of the association are liable for the liabilities of the association. The personal liability of the members for the liabilities of the association is excluded.

7. MODIFICATION AND DISSOLUTION

Art. 24

The statutes can only be changed via a General Assembly meeting. Any change requires the approval of two-thirds of those entitled to vote. Those provisions of these statutes that are designated as unchangeable remain reserved.

Art. 25

If the association is dissolved, the association's assets go to a tax-exempt corporation that pursues the same or a similar purpose. A return of the association's assets to the members or donors is excluded. This provision of the statutes is unchangeable.

The statutes of incorporation were approved in the present form at the General Assembly meeting of March 9, 2023. They replace the last version from April 21, 2016.