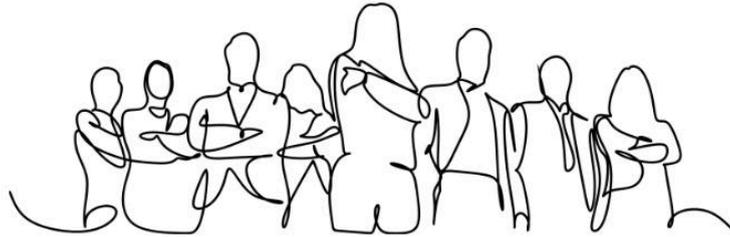


# **STATUTES OF THE B.C.E.D.**

*Balkans for Cooperation and European  
Development*

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Statutes drafted by the Founder, Laura Jashari, on 21 December 2025.  
Adopted by the first Committee, during the first General Assembly on 27 December 2025.

# I. General Provisions

Name

## Article 1

*Balkans for Cooperation and European Development*, abbreviated B.E.C.D., is a non-profit association proposed by students, governed within the meaning of Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Registered Office

## Article 2

The registered office of this association shall be located in the Canton of Geneva, at the address of the Presidency.

Objectives

## Article 3

This association focuses on a clear list of objectives:

1. Provide educational input on the various developments within the broader European Balkan region ;
2. Provide an opportunity for a space for conversation, exchange and debate within a clear and solid framework, in compliance with the Charters and the Statutes ;
3. Provide an opportunity to meet committed young persons and professionals from multiple and diverse fields, thereby enriching knowledge of this geographical area.

# II. Resources and finances

Resources

## Article 4

The resources of the association may take several forms:

1. Donations and bequests ;
2. Sponsorship ;
3. Subsidies from public and private sectors ;
4. Annual membership fees ;
5. Any other resources authorised by law.

Funds shall be used in accordance with the association's purpose. No member shall hold any right whatsoever to the assets of the B.C.E.D.

No donation or symbolic support shall be accepted in the context of lobbying or suggestions regarding the Agenda addressed.

Participation

**Article 5**

No member of the Committee or of the association shall receive remuneration.

### **III. Members**

Définition

**Article 6**

Members of the B.C.E.D. shall be:

1. Committee members, paying a minimum annual membership fee of 5 Swiss francs and a maximum of 20 Swiss francs ;
2. Natural persons actively contributing to the association's activities, and having paid the symbolic annual membership fee of at least five Swiss francs ;
  - a. The minimum amount is set at five Swiss francs ;
  - b. The maximum accepted amount is twenty Swiss francs ;
  - c. If a person faces financial difficulty in view of the minimum amount, an exemption from the annual

membership fee may be considered, where that person's commitment is substantial.

3. All events shall remain open to participation by non-members of the association.

## Eligibility

### **Article 7**

From an educational standpoint, the following may become members of the association:

1. Students enrolled at the University of Geneva, across all faculties ;
2. Exceptionally, the following may also become members of the association:
  - a. Students from Universities of Applied Sciences ;
  - b. Students from other universities

## Loss of Membership

### **Article 8**

Membership shall be lost :

1. Upon deregistration from the University of Geneva or from the relevant educational institution ;
2. Upon death ;
3. Upon written resignation addressed to the Committee ;
4. Upon exclusion pronounced by the Committee in analogous cases such as :
  - a. Denialism of historical events recognised by international bodies such as the ICC, the ICJ, etc. ;
  - b. Racist, misogynistic, transphobic, xenophobic remarks, etc. ;
  - c. Disrespectful language during debates, round tables or conferences ;
  - d. Physical or moral violence ;
  - e. Any other act of the same nature.

## Sanctions

### **Article 9**

If membership is lost under one of the cases covered by Article 8, sanctions may be more or less restrictive depending on the decision taken by the Committee:

1. Exclusion from the ongoing debate ;
2. Exclusion from events for a determined duration ;
3. Exclusion from events for the entire year and loss of membership status ;
4. Inclusion of the person concerned on the blacklist.
  - a. The blacklist may include non-members who attended events and who caused serious harm to the association and its values.

## **IV. Organisation**

## Organisation

### **Article 10**

The various bodies of the association shall be represented within the Committee as follows:

1. The Executive Board :
  - a. Presidency ;
  - b. Secretary General ;
  - c. Treasury.
2. The Events Division ;
3. The Communication and Media Division ;
4. The External Relations Division ;
5. The Legal Division ;
6. The Webmaster Division.

## Committee

### **Article 11**

1. The Committee is authorised to perform the tasks assigned to it within each respective position for which members are elected.
2. It shall be composed of the bodies described in Article 10 of these Statutes.
3. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary for the welfare of the association.
4. Each member shall be free to request not to continue their mandate the following year, thereby opening candidacies for the positions concerned. Such a vote shall take place during the end-of-year General Assembly.
  - a. In extraordinary circumstances, a Committee member may leave the association mid-year. Candidacies shall be opened on an exceptional basis and the workload shall be reorganised during the vacancy period.
5. Committee members act and participate on a voluntary basis and may only claim reimbursement of actual expenses and travel expenses in extraordinary circumstances.
6. The Committee shall be responsible for :
  - a. Ensuring compliance with the existing Charters and Statutes for the proper functioning of the association ;
  - b. Drafting or amending Charters and Statutes, subject to approval by a collegial vote ;
  - c. Ensuring compliance with the Agenda validated during meetings ;
  - d. Convening ordinary or extraordinary General Assemblies ;
  - e. Monitoring and updating ordinary membership, including any exclusion thereof ;
  - f. Monitoring and updating a list of persons banned from events, where sanctions are imposed.

## Executive Board

### **Article 12**

The Executive Board shall have the following responsibilities :

1. The responsibility to lead, legally represent, and manage the association, ensuring that it always complies with its original purpose, which shall fall to the President ;
2. The responsibility to ensure administrative follow-up, team coordination and support of the association's Presidency, which shall fall to the Secretary General ;
3. The responsibility for the management of the association's finances (accounting, budget, financial statements, and cash inflows/outflows), which shall fall to the Treasury.

Events Division      **Article 13**

The Events Division shall have :

1. The responsibility for planning events validated in advance by the Committee, for logistical organisation and for financial coordination in collaboration with the Treasury.
2. A minimum membership of one person, which may normally be extended to three persons.

Communication/  
Media Division      **Article 14**

The Communication and Media Division shall have:

1. The responsibility for promoting the image, actions and events of the association, through content creation tools, communication strategy and photography.
2. A minimum membership of one person, which may normally be extended to three persons.

External Relations  
Division      **Article 15**

The External Relations Division shall have:

1. The responsibility to develop, maintain and manage relationships between the association and its partners or symbolic supporters, whether public or private.
2. This Division shall operate in close collaboration with the Presidency and the Secretary General.
3. A minimum membership of one person, which may normally be extended to three persons.

Legal Division                    **Article 16**

1. The responsibility to ensure the compliance of official documents with the Swiss Civil Code, and to protect the interests of the association by preventing legal risks.
2. A minimum membership of one person, which may normally be extended to three persons.

Webmaster  
Division                            **Article 17**

1. The responsibility to create, manage and secure the digital tools necessary for the association, such as the website, or any other required platform.
2. The minimum and recommended membership is one person, which may be extended up to a maximum of two persons.

## **V. Events :**

List                                    **Article 18**

The B.C.E.D. shall offer :

1. Official organisational events :
  - a. General Assembly ;
  - b. Meetings.
2. Official participatory events :

- a. Type I events, without guests ;
- b. Type II events, with guests from the Canton of Geneva ;
- c. Type III events, with guests from other cantons and/or countries.

General  
Assembly

**Article 19**

1. The General Assembly shall be composed of all Committee members and shall be chaired by the President.
2. The purpose of the General Assembly is to validate the Statutes, discuss changes to be reviewed, and plan the semi-annual Agenda.
3. Attendance at the General Assembly is mandatory for all Committee members, either in person or by videoconference.
4. Should an emergency arise, the absent Committee member shall designate another Committee member who shall have the capacity of a “substitute vote”.
5. The General Assembly shall be convened as many times as necessary, as decided by the Presidency, for the implementation of the various items.
6. The date of the General Assembly shall be communicated by the Presidency at least two weeks in advance. The official notice of meeting together with the agenda shall be transmitted no later than three days before the agreed date.
7. Decisions shall normally be taken on a collegial basis. Should it prove impossible to reach agreement, a two-thirds vote shall take place. Exceptionally, where a tie vote occurs after three rounds of voting, the Presidency shall decide.
8. Voting shall be conducted by a show of hands.

Resignation

**Article 20**

1. The General Assembly shall also close the association's year of activity. In particular, it allows members to communicate their personal decision to resign for the coming year, thereby opening candidacies upon official resignation.
2. If any resignation concerns one of the positions of the Executive Board, then the election of those positions shall take place at the General Assembly, open to persons having at least one year of experience within the association, and by collegial vote.

## Meetings

### **Article 21**

1. Meetings shall be conducted more flexibly with the Committee during the semester, in order to ensure that the Agenda validated in advance is successfully implemented.
2. All persons shall attend in person or by videoconference, except where absence is excused.
3. Voting shall be conducted by a show of hands.

## Type I Events

### **Article 22**

1. Type I events are all events organised by the Committee, without guests.
2. Their formats may vary, including :
  - a. Source analysis to open debate ;
  - b. Presentation proposed by the Committee on a theme;
  - c. Round table discussion on a theme ;
  - d. Screening of a documentary or short film to foster dialogue ;
  - e. and/or any other educational and discursive format intended to promote respectful discussion.
3. Themes and discussions shall be determined at the General Assembly by a collegial vote.

Type II  
Events

### **Article 23**

1. Type II events are all events organised by the Committee, with guests from the Canton of Geneva.
2. The structure of these events shall be set out in three stages :
  - a. Presentation of the guest and their subject matter ;
  - b. Question-and-answer period and/or debate ;
  - c. Networking period.
3. Themes and guests shall be chosen and approved at the General Assembly by a collegial vote.

Type III  
Events

### **Article 24**

1. Type III events are all events organised by the Committee, with guests from outside the borders of the Canton of Geneva.
2. The structure of these events shall be set out in three stages :
  - a. Presentation of the guest and their subject matter ;
  - b. Question-and-answer period and/or debate;
  - c. Networking period.
3. Themes and guests shall be chosen and approved at the General Assembly by a collegial vote.

## **VI. Audit Body**

Audit of  
Accounts

### **Article 25**

1. Each year, the General Assembly shall appoint two auditors. This task may also be entrusted to a fiduciary company.
2. The auditors shall audit the income statement and the annual balance sheet prepared by the Committee and shall present a written and detailed report to the annual General Assembly.

Eligibility

**Article 26**

The auditors must :

1. Not be members of the association during their year as auditors;
2. Not exceed the limit of two persons ;
3. Have completed upper secondary education at the Secondary II level ;
4. Be entitled to apply for a Committee position once their mandate as auditors has ended.

## **VII. Revision et Final Provisions**

Foundation

**Article 27**

1. This association was founded by Laura Jashari during the Autumn semester of 2025.
2. The first official Committee of the association was approved on 27 December 2025, in Geneva – Switzerland.
3. These Statutes were adopted by the constituent General Assembly of 27 December 2025.

Applicable Law  
and Jurisdiction

**Article 28**

In the event of a dispute, Swiss law shall apply and the place of jurisdiction shall be Geneva.

Dissolution

**Article 29**

In the event of dissolution of the association, any remaining assets shall be allocated in their entirety to an institution pursuing a public-interest purpose analogous to the distinct objectives of the association and benefiting from tax exemption. Under no circumstances may the assets revert to the Founder of

the association, nor to the Committees or members, nor be used for their benefit, in whole or in part, in any manner whatsoever.

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