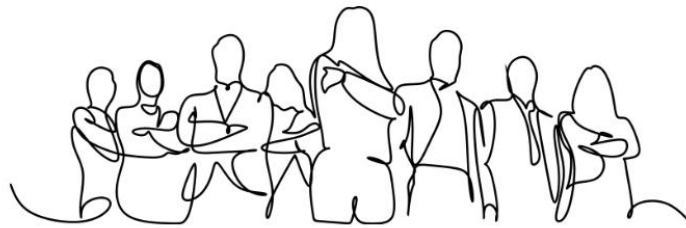


STATUTES OF THE B.C.E.D.

Balkans for Cooperation and European Development

B.C.E.D.



Statutes drafted by the Founder, Laura Jashari, on 21 December 2025 and adopted at the first General Assembly on 27 December 2025.

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I. General Provisions

Name **Article 1**

Balkans for Cooperation and European Development, abbreviated B.E.C.D., (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”) 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**

The B.C.E.D. 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 10 Swiss francs and a maximum of 50 Swiss francs ;
2. Natural persons actively contributing to the association's activities, and having paid the symbolic annual membership fee;
 - a. The minimum amount is set at ten Swiss francs ;
 - b. The maximum accepted amount is fifty 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. Persons aged between 18 and 30, in accordance with the Association's objective of bringing together young people from diaspora communities.
4. All events shall remain open to participation by non-members of the association.

Loss of Membership

Article 7

Membership shall be lost :

1. Upon death ;
2. Upon written resignation addressed to the Committee ;
3. Upon reaching the age limit of 30, with membership being maintained until the end of the current annual term;
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.

Sanctions

Article 8

Where membership is lost in any of the circumstances referred to in Article 7, paragraph 4 et seq., the sanctions imposed may vary in severity:

1. Exclusion from the ongoing debate ;
2. Exclusion from events for a period determined by the Executive Board;

3. Exclusion from events for the entire year and loss of membership status, determined by the Executive Board ;

IV. Organisation

Organisation

Article 9

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 10

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 9 of these Statutes.
3. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary.
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.

5. 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. Any request to leave under this arrangement must be accompanied by a letter of motivation and shall be subject to approval by the Executive Board
6. The members of the Committee shall perform their duties and participate on a voluntary basis and may claim only reimbursement of their actual expenses and travel expenses incurred in exceptional circumstances..
7. 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, in the case of imposed sanctions.

Executive Board **Article 11**

1. The Executive Board is the executive body of the Association.
2. The Executive Board shall organise itself. It shall comprise, at a minimum, a President, a Secretary-General and a Treasurer.
3. It shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
 - a. To direct, legally represent and manage the Association, ensuring that it remains at all times in accordance with its principal objectives; these responsibilities shall fall to the President;
 - b. To oversee the administrative affairs of the Association, coordinate the team and support the President; these responsibilities shall fall to the Secretary-General;

- c. To manage the Association's finances, including accounting, budgets, financial statements and any other financial operations or documentation; these responsibilities shall fall to the Treasurer.

Events Division **Article 12**

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 13**

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 two persons.

External Relations
Division **Article 14**

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 two persons.

Legal Division **Article 15**

The Legal Division department shall have:

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 two persons.

Webmaster
Division **Article 16**

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 17**

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 18

1. All members of the Association are welcome to attend the General Assembly.
2. Attendance at the General Assembly is mandatory for all Committee members, either in person or by videoconference.
3. Should an emergency arise, the absent Committee member shall designate another Committee member who shall have the capacity of a “substitute vote”.
4. The purpose of the General Assembly is to approve the Statutes and to discuss any proposed amendments thereto.
5. The General Assembly shall be held once a year, at the end of the academic year. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened if judged necessary.
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 19

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.

3. By way of exception, eligibility for positions on the Executive Board may be extended to members with at least one year of experience where no member of the Committee puts themselves forward as a candidate.

Meetings

Article 20

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. In the event of absence, Article 18, paragraph 3 shall apply.

Type I Events

Article 21

1. Type I events are all events organised by the Committee, without guests.
2. Their formats may vary, including :
 - a. Presentation proposed by the Committee on a theme;
 - b. Round table discussion on a theme ;
 - c. Screening of a documentary or short film to foster dialogue ;
 - d. 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 22

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 23

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 24

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 25

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 ;

VII. Revision et Final Provisions

Foundation

Article 26

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 27

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

Dissolution

Article 28

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.