

STATUTE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR REALITY THERAPY

Pursuant to Articles 9 and 11 of the Associations Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 60/95), the Founding Assembly, at its meeting held on 24 November 1999, adopted the resolution establishing the European Association for Reality Therapy and, in this connection, adopted the following

STATUTES

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The European Association for Reality Therapy (hereinafter: the "Association") is an independent, non-profit-making, professional and voluntary association bringing together associations, institutes and centers for reality therapy from individual European countries that provide education and training in reality therapy and practical counselling and psychotherapeutic activities, education for Glasser Quality School, and non-controlling management based on Choice Theory.

The members associate on a contractual basis, on the basis of common interests and in accordance with the Associations Act.

Article 2

The name of the organization is **European Association for Reality Therapy**.

The registered location Association is in Kranj, Slovenia, European Union.

The Association has its own emblem, namely the original symbol of reality therapy, consisting of four open palms from which a flame radiates. The acronym **EART** appears at the base of the symbol.

The Association's seal is circular, 4 cm in diameter. Around its circumference it bears the inscription **EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR REALITY THERAPY** in English and **EVROPSKA ZVEZA ZA REALITETNO TERAPIJO** in Slovenian, with the Association's emblem in the center.

Article 3

The Association is registered and has its registered office in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia and operates throughout the territory of the European Union.

The Association is a legal person governed by private law.

Article 4

The Association is a full member of the **European Association for Psychotherapy** (hereinafter: "EAP").

Accordingly, in addition to the EART educational standards, the Association adopts the educational standards and other criteria established by EAP for full membership thereof.

The educational standards for obtaining the professional title of psychotherapist shall be specified in greater detail in the Association's **Rules on Educational Standards, Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining the Title of Psychotherapist**.

II. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Article 5

The purpose and objectives of the Association are:

- to promote cooperation and establish links between European associations, institutes and centers providing education and training in reality therapy (RT) and training for practical counselling and/or psychotherapeutic work in this modality;
- to facilitate the exchange of experience and professionals in the field of RT throughout Europe;
- to promote scientific and research activities in the field of RT and Choice Theory;
- to contribute to the development of psychotherapeutic practice and education in reality therapy in Europe and worldwide;
- to promote the joint integration and multicultural representation of reality therapy in Europe and worldwide;
- to organize and develop integrated education and training in reality therapy in European countries which meets the educational standards established by EAP for obtaining the **European Certificate for Psychotherapy** (hereinafter: "EDP").

Article 6

The Association shall pursue its purpose and objectives through the following activities:

- promoting the principles and concepts of Choice Theory and their application in counselling, psychotherapy, mental health, upbringing and education, and management in Europe and worldwide;
- contributing to the development of the EART pre-certification program, the program of William Glasser International and the training program for teachers of that organization, as well as developing a program for EART faculty;
- developing and implementing an integrated education and training program in reality therapy leading to the professional title of reality therapy psychotherapist;
- developing and implementing an integrated education and training program in reality therapy leading to the professional title of reality therapy counsellor;
- developing and implementing an integrated training program for Glasser Quality School;
- awarding the professional title of reality therapy psychotherapist;
- issuing recommendations to candidates for the EDP;
- organize congresses, conventions, symposia, lectures and other events with international participation;
- assisting individuals in European countries where no national association exists to organize themselves at national level;
- organize workshops, round-table discussions and professional consultations;
- publishing the Association's newsletter;
- maintaining and presenting information about the Association on its website;
- publishing professional and specialist literature;
- participating in professional meetings and events;
- establishing research groups;
- establishing working groups and sections for specific fields;
- cooperating with William Glasser International;
- cooperating with EAP and national umbrella organizations for psychotherapy (National Umbrella Organizations – NUOs);
- cooperating with other psychotherapeutic modalities in Europe and worldwide;

- carrying out other activities consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Association.

III. PUBLICITY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK AND INFORMATION

Article 7

The work of the Association and its bodies shall be public.

The Association shall inform its members:

- by publishing notices, invitations and minutes on the Association's website;
- by issuing written information;
- by making minutes available for inspection by all members of the Association.

The Association shall inform the general public by making meetings of its bodies open to the public and allowing journalists and other interested persons to attend, through the media and through its publishing activities.

IV. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 8

Membership of the Association shall be voluntary.

The Association shall have regular, associate and honorary members.

Admission to membership shall be decided by the Assembly.

Regular members of the Association may be associations, institutes and centers for reality therapy operating in European countries which submit to the Association a resolution of their highest governing body approving accession to the Association and enter into an agreement pursuant to which they undertake to pay membership fees.

Individuals from European countries in which there is no organized form of association in the field of reality therapy may also be admitted to membership.

Individuals applying for membership must be persons who are undergoing education and training in reality therapy or who have completed such education and training.

Such individuals shall become members of the Association's **Individual Members Section**, which, as an organized form of association, shall have the status of a regular member.

The purpose of the Individual Members Section is to enable individuals to participate in the work of the Association in accordance with its purpose and objectives.

The Individual Members Section shall be established by the Assembly of the Association. The Section shall be headed by an elected member of the Executive Board.

Associate and honorary membership shall be governed by Articles 11 and 12 of these Statutes.

Article 9

Membership of the Association shall terminate upon termination of the membership agreement or upon withdrawal from the Association on the basis of a resolution adopted by the highest governing body of the member concerned.

A resolution on withdrawal must be notified to the Association in writing. Prior to withdrawal, the member must settle all outstanding obligations towards the Association.

Membership shall also terminate if an association, institute or center ceases its activities.

Article 10

The Association may independently cooperate with or become a member of related organizations pursuing similar purposes and objectives, provided that the activities of such organizations are not contrary to the interests of the Association or to the legislation of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 11

An association, institute or center which provides education and training and practical psychotherapeutic activities in the field of reality therapy in countries on other continents may become an associate member, provided that it pursues the same objectives as the Association.

Associate members shall have the same rights as regular members, except that their members may not be elected to the bodies of the Association and may not vote at meetings of the Association's bodies.

Article 12

The Association shall also have honorary members.

An honorary member may be a member or non-member of the Association and may be a natural person who has rendered special services to the work and development of the Association.

Honorary members shall be appointed by the Assembly.

An honorary member who is not otherwise a member of the Association shall have no voting rights.

V. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 13

The rights of members of the Association shall include:

- the right to elect and to be elected, through their representatives, to the bodies of the Association;
- the right to submit proposals and initiatives concerning the work of the Association's bodies and to participate in their work and the performance of their tasks;
- the right to participate in activities organized by the Association;
- the right to be informed about the work of the Association's bodies;
- the right to attend meetings of the Association's bodies;
- the right to refer professional matters to the Association and its bodies;
- the right to draw attention to violations of the Statutes and the Association's Code of Ethics;
- the right to participate, in accordance with the rules established by EAP and EART, in the procedure for obtaining the EDP.

Article 14

The duties of members of the Association shall include:

- protecting and promoting the reputation of the Association and the profession and representing the program and interests of reality therapy;

- acting in accordance with the Statutes, rules and regulations, and Code of Ethics of the Association;
- actively participating, through their representatives, in the work of the Association and in the fulfilment of its professional and other tasks;
- regularly fulfilling their financial and other obligations towards the Association;
- respecting and complying with the decisions and resolutions of the Association's bodies;
- electing and being elected, through their representatives, to the bodies of the Association;
- submitting proposals and initiatives concerning the work of the Association's bodies.

VI. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 15

The bodies of the Association shall be:

- the Assembly;
- the Executive Board;
- the Professional Council;
- the Supervisory Board;
- the Honorary Tribunal.

The term of office of representatives of the members of the Association serving on the bodies of the Association shall be four years, with the possibility of re-election.

ASSEMBLY

Article 16

The Assembly shall be the highest governing body of the Association.

It shall consist of at least one representative of each member of the Association, as well as associate and honorary members.

Members of the Association (associations, institutes and center for reality therapy) shall delegate representatives to the Assembly as follows:

- members with up to 20 individual members shall delegate 1 representative;
- members with up to 50 individual members shall delegate 2 representatives;
- members with up to 100 individual members shall delegate 3 representatives;
- members with more than 100 individual members shall delegate 1 additional representative for every additional 100 members exceeding 199 members. Thus, a member with 200 individual members shall delegate 4 representatives, a member with 300 individual members 5 representatives, and so forth.

Representatives of members must be regular members of the respective national association which is a member of the Association.

The Assembly may be regular or extraordinary.

The Executive Board shall convene the regular Assembly as required, once a year or once every two years.

An extraordinary Assembly shall be convened by resolution of the Executive Board, at the request of the Supervisory Board or at the request of one third of the members of the Association.

The Executive Board shall be obliged to convene an extraordinary Assembly within 30 days of receiving the request for its convening.

If the Executive Board fails to convene the extraordinary Assembly within the prescribed period, the proposer shall convene it and shall also submit the agenda and the relevant supporting materials.

The extraordinary Assembly shall deliberate and decide only on the matter for which it was convened.

Article 17

Members of the Association shall be notified of the convening of the Assembly and of the proposed agenda at least 14 days before the meeting.

The Assembly shall constitute a quorum if more than half of the representatives of the members of the Association are present.

A representative who has given written authorization to another representative to vote on their behalf shall also be deemed to be present.

The written authorization of a member unable to attend the meeting must be submitted to the Chair of the Assembly before voting takes place.

If the Assembly does not constitute a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned for 30 minutes.

After the expiry of this period, the Assembly shall constitute a quorum if at least 10 representatives of the members of the Association are present, provided that all members of the Association are represented.

Voting shall generally be public, unless the members decide at the meeting that a secret ballot shall be used.

Elections to the bodies of the Association shall generally be conducted by secret ballot.

The President of the Association shall open the Assembly and chair it until the working presidium has been elected.

Article 18

The duties and powers of the Assembly shall be:

- to adopt the agenda;
- to adopt, amend and supplement the Statutes, the agreement on accession to the Association and other acts of the Association;
- to adopt the Association's program of work;
- to adopt the financial plan and annual accounts;
- to elect and dismiss the President, Secretary and Treasurer and the members of the Executive Board, Professional Council, Supervisory Board and Honorary Tribunal;
- to decide on appeals against decisions of the Executive Board, Supervisory Board and Honorary Tribunal;
- to decide on accession to and cooperation with other related organizations;
- to admit new members and decide on termination of their membership;
- to decide on other matters proposed by the bodies or members of the Association in accordance with its purpose and objectives;
- to establish a register of reality therapy psychotherapists;

- to appoint the Registration Committee and the Registrar;
- to delegate certain matters to the Executive Board and the Professional Council by resolution;
- to determine the amount of membership fees and other financial obligations of members of the Association;
- to decide on the purchase and sale of real estate;
- to adopt a resolution on the dissolution of the Association.

Individual proposals for discussion at the Assembly must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing at least 8 days before the Assembly is convened.

Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of the Assembly and shall be signed by the Chair and the minute-taker.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 19

The Executive Board shall be the executive body of the Association.

It shall perform organizational, professional, technical and administrative tasks and shall manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Assembly in accordance with the program and resolutions adopted by the Assembly.

The Executive Board shall be accountable to the Assembly for its work.

The Executive Board shall consist of seven members:

- the President;
- the Vice-President;
- the Representative of the Association before the authorities of the Republic of Slovenia;
- the Secretary;
- the Treasurer; and
- two elected members.

The Executive Board shall meet as required.

Article 20

The duties and powers of the Executive Board shall be:

- to convene the Assembly and prepare the materials for its meetings;
- to ensure the preparation and implementation of the Association's program of work;
- to prepare proposals for the Association's acts;
- to prepare the proposed financial plan and annual accounts;
- to ensure the proper financial and material management of the Association;
- to perform other tasks arising from the acts of the Association and tasks assigned to it by the Assembly;
- to maintain records of membership;
- to manage and organize the Association's newsletter.

Article 21

The Executive Board shall conduct its work at meetings convened by the President of the Executive Board or, in the President's absence, by the Vice-President.

The President of the Executive Board shall be obliged to convene a meeting of the Executive Board at the request of at least one third of its members.

The Executive Board shall constitute a quorum if more than half of its members are present.

Valid resolutions shall be adopted by a majority of the votes of the members present.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

Article 22

The Supervisory Board shall monitor the work of the Executive Board and other bodies of the Association and shall supervise the financial and material management of the Association.

The Supervisory Board shall report on its work to the Assembly and shall be accountable to the Assembly for its work.

The Supervisory Board shall consist of three members elected by the Assembly.

The members shall elect the Chair from among themselves.

Members of the Supervisory Board may not simultaneously serve as members of the Executive Board.

They may participate in meetings of the Executive Board but shall have no voting rights at such meetings.

The Supervisory Board shall constitute a quorum if all three members are present and shall adopt valid resolutions by a majority of votes.

HONORARY TRIBUNAL

Article 23

The members of the Honorary Tribunal shall be elected by the Assembly.

The Honorary Tribunal shall consist of three members. The members shall elect the Chair from among themselves.

The Honorary Tribunal shall meet as required on the basis of written requests submitted by members or bodies of the Association.

The Honorary Tribunal shall consider violations of the Statutes and the Association's Code of Ethics.

Its composition, duties and jurisdiction shall be determined by the **Rules of Procedure of the Honorary Tribunal**.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 24

The President shall represent the Association before state authorities and organizations in Europe and worldwide.

The President of the Association shall simultaneously serve as President of the Executive Board and as a member of the Professional Council.

The President shall be elected by the Assembly.

The President shall be accountable to the Assembly and the Executive Board for their work.

The President shall be responsible for ensuring that the Association operates in accordance with the Statutes and the legal order of the Republic of Slovenia.

The President may authorize other persons to perform individual tasks on behalf of the Association.

In the President's absence, the President shall be replaced by the President of the Professional Council, the Vice-President of the Executive Board or another person authorized for that purpose.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Article 25

In accordance with the legal order of the Republic of Slovenia, the Association shall be independently and without limitation represented before the authorities of the Republic of Slovenia by a citizen of the Republic of Slovenia appointed as the Association's representative by the Assembly.

The Representative of the Association before the authorities of the Republic of Slovenia shall be a member of the Executive Board and shall be the second official representative of the Association.

SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 26

The Secretary of the Association shall be responsible for coordination between the bodies of the Association and for professional, technical and administrative matters.

The Secretary shall be elected by the Assembly and shall be accountable to the Assembly for their work.

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

Article 27

The Professional Council shall consist of two representatives of each member of the Association and the President of the Association.

The Professional Council shall be the professional body of the Association and shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- to ensure the quality and development of the reality therapy education and training program and the maintenance of educational and ethical standards;
- to propose and plan symposia, congresses and other forms of education and professional development for members of the Association;
- to address professional matters and provide professional opinions on individual issues at the request of members of the Association or external entities;
- to oversee professional and publishing activities;
- to promote and oversee scientific and research activities;
- to participate in the preparation of the Association's legal acts in matters concerning professional development;
- to perform other professional tasks assigned to it by the Assembly.

Article 28

A representative on the Professional Council may only be a person who is a regular member of the teaching faculty of **William Glasser International** or the **European Institute for Reality Therapy**.

The term of office of members of the Professional Council shall be four years, with the possibility of re-election.

The members of the Professional Council shall elect the Chair from among themselves.

The Professional Council shall be accountable to the Assembly of the Association for its work.

REGISTER

Article 29

The Assembly shall establish a **Register of Reality Therapy Psychotherapists** and shall appoint a Registrar responsible for registration.

The Assembly shall appoint the Registrar for an indefinite term.

VII. FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 30

The sources of income of the Association shall include:

- membership fees;
- registration fees for psychotherapists;
- gifts and bequests;
- contributions from sponsors and donors;
- public funds;
- other sources.

If the Association generates a surplus of income over expenditure in carrying out its activities, such surplus shall be used exclusively for the activities for which the Association was established.

Article 31

The Association shall manage its financial resources in accordance with its program of work and annual financial plan adopted by the Assembly.

At the regular Assembly, the members shall consider and adopt the annual accounts.

Article 32

Financial and material documents shall be signed by the Secretary of the Association with the approval of the President.

The financial and material management of the Association shall comply with the applicable legislation and regulations governing this area.

The Treasurer shall manage the financial and material affairs of the Association in accordance with the **Rules on Financial and Material Management**.

These Rules shall also determine the manner in which records are maintained and financial and material information concerning the Association's operations is presented, in accordance with the accounting standards applicable to associations.

The Association shall maintain its own bank account.

Article 33

The work of the Treasurer shall be public.

An authorized member of the Association shall have the right to inspect the financial and material documentation and operations of the Association.

The Treasurer shall be accountable to the Executive Board for their work.

The Association may, in accordance with applicable legislation, engage or employ a financial professional to assist in the management of financial and material matters.

Article 34

The Association shall have movable and immovable property, which shall be recorded as the property of the Association in its inventory register.

Movable property may be acquired or disposed of only on the basis of a resolution of the Executive Board.

Immovable property may be acquired or disposed of only on the basis of a resolution of the Assembly.

VIII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

Draft amendments to the Statutes shall be prepared by the Executive Board and submitted to the members of the Association for discussion for a period not exceeding 30 days.

The Executive Board shall consider and coordinate the comments and proposals submitted during the discussion, formulate its positions on them and prepare the final proposal for amendment of the Statutes.

Amendments and supplements to the Statutes and other acts of the Association shall be approved by the Assembly.

Article 36

In accordance with these Statutes, the Association shall also have the following acts:

- Code of Ethics;
- Rules on Educational Standards, Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining the Title of Psychotherapist;
- Rules of Procedure of the Honorary Tribunal, including appeal procedures.

Article 37

The Association may be dissolved:

- by a resolution of the Assembly adopted by a majority of the votes of the members present;
- by operation of law.

Article 38

In the event of dissolution of the Association, its assets shall be distributed to the members of the Association in the manner determined by the liquidation committee, which shall consist of representatives of the members of the Association.

Budgetary funds shall be returned to the budget.

Article 39

These Statutes were adopted at the regular Assembly held on **21 June 2025** and shall enter into force immediately.

Secretary:

Bosiljka Lojk

Representative before the authorities of the Republic of Slovenia:

Janez Planinc

President:

Danko Butorac