



## **THE STATUTE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS**

### **Article 1. TITLE AND LOCATION**

1.1. The Council of European Foresters (hereinafter referred to as C.E.F.), founded in 2011, is an European democratic, apolitical and non-religious organization for foresters and associations, societies and unions actively engaged in forestry.

1.2. Its domicile will be the address of the President.

### **Article 2. OBJECTIVES AND MEANS**

The objectives of C.E.F. are:

2.1. to develop the understanding among foresters and between foresters and society.

2.2. to sustain, at the country, European and global level, the interests of the foresters, members of C.E.F.

2.3. to develop the international solidarity between the foresters.

2.4. to inform the organization members about the topics and issues of the world and continental forestry sector.

2.5. to represent member organizations and foresters at the international institutions as UN, Council of Europe, European Parliament, European Council, European Commission and others related to the forestry field, natural environment, bio-energy reserves, wood and biomass and to the labor relations field.

2.6. to develop contacts, understanding and cooperation among C.E.F. members and between the C.E.F. and other international foresters organizations.

2.7. to develop exchange of knowledge and experience on forestry issues between the organization members.

2.8. to promote the provisions of the Forester's Declaration for their recognition and implementation by the states and international institutions.

2.9. to use the forest expertise experience of its members within the Advisory Group of Forest Experts during the contacts with the institutions of the Council of Europe and European Union. In this respect, CEF will establish the Advisory Group of Forest Experts which shall consist three foresters from each foresters' organization member of CEF and the representative of forestry state university or forestry state faculty from any European country, and a representative of each national forest research institute from any country of Europe. These representatives from forestry state universities or faculties and from national forest research institutes will become members of CEF. The Rules of Organization and Functioning of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts will be approved by CEF.

### **Article 3. MEMBERSHIP**

3.1. Any forester and any organization and association of foresters from Europe are eligible for membership of the C.E.F.

3.2. The foresters who apply to join the C.E.F. shall indicate in their membership application that they work or have worked in forestry. Member organizations of the C.E.F must democratically organize, apolitical and non-religious.

3.3. The foresters' applications for membership shall be decided by simple majority of votes of C.E.F. and the membership applications of the organizations or associations of foresters shall be decided by simple majority of votes of C.E.F. after an analysis of the request, presentation, statute and the establishing official documents of them.

3.4. In case a C.E.F. member acts or has acted contrary to the interests of C.E.F., or which no longer meets the criteria for membership of the C.E.F., it will be warned by the President about the possibility of expelling from C.E.F.

Expulsion shall be decided by a simple majority of the next meeting of C.E.F., after the warning.

3.5. The total number of members is formed of the foresters who joined the C.E.F. in their own name and of the foresters members of the organizations affiliated to C.E.F.

#### **Article 4. C.E.F. STRUCTURE**

The bodies responsible for the C.E.F. management are:

- 4.1. The Council of European Foresters
- 4.2. The Board of the Council of European Foresters
- 4.3 The President

#### **Article 5. THE BOARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN FORESTERS**

5.1. The Board of the C.E.F. is the supreme authority of the C.E.F. and shall meet at least once every Presidency period in an ordinary meeting and every time needed in extraordinary meetings.

5.2. The Board of the C.E.F. decides about the C.E.F. objectives and strategy for the next year.

5.3. The Board of the C.E.F. consists of:

- the president of C.E.F.(representative of a member organization) who shall have one vote in the Council meeting,
- the vice-presidents of C.E.F. (each member organization will have a representative as a vice-president of C.E.F.) who shall, each, have one vote in the Council meeting,
- the foresters who have joined the C.E.F. in their own name, each country of origin of the foresters having one vote in the Council meeting.

5.4. The costs of participants attending the Board of the C.E.F. meetings shall be supported by their organizations.

5.5. Decisions of the Board of the C.E.F. shall be taken by simple majority of the votes.

5.6. Other foresters members and other members of the organizations, affiliated to the C.E.F., can also attend the meetings of the Board of the C.E.F., having an observer status.

## **Article 6. THE PRESIDENT**

6.1. The President represents the C.E.F. in any international contacts regarding the foresters' interests.

6.2. The President shall be elected for one year. The Board of the C.E.F. will decide the order of countries for the C.E.F. President. The list of the countries for the C.E.F. President will be completed according to the foresters' organization affiliation date to the C.E.F. For a country to gain access for a second time as C.E.F. President it is necessary that all the other countries to have held this position or to have rejected it.

6.3. The President has to participate to all the important forestry meetings and to present the C.E.F. position, established by the Board of the C.E.F.

6.4. The President has to inform, every month, the C.E.F. member organizations about C.E.F. and his activity for C.E.F.

6.5. The President must use a proper staff and logistic for a good running of the C.E.F. activity.

It can be provided the continuity to the C.E.F. website, using the same holder, and the expenses shall be supported by the organization which holds the Presidency.

All the costs related to the President's activity, including participation at international meetings, shall be supported by his/her organization.

6.6. In the interests of the C.E.F. and for the continuity of the C.E.F. activity, the C.E.F. President is assisted in his work by former C.E.F. President and next C.E.F. President. Also, he is supported in his activity by the President of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe.

In this regard, all the costs related to the former President activity and to the next President activity, along the CEF President activity, including participation at international meetings, shall be supported by his/her organization.

## **Article 7. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

7.1. There is no subscription of the member organizations to C.E.F.

7.2. For attending the manifestations organized by C.E.F., the costs shall be supported by each delegate (organization).

## **Article 8. GENERAL**

8.1. This Statute was approved by the C.E.F. Board on 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 in Băile Felix, Romania.