



# EPTA Articles of Association proposed Amendments

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# Why the changes?

**The European Penitentiary Training Academies Network (EPTA)** was founded in 2010 by heads of European Penitentiary Staff Training Academies to provide for a structure that supports sharing of training methodologies and contents across Europe.

The structure and functioning of EPTA and the Steering Committee is determined by the EPTA Articles of Association in order to ensure transparency and good governance.

Steering Committee must act within the boundaries of the Articles of Association

The design of the Articles of Association encourages all member organisations to take an active role in the running of their organisation

# CHAPTER VI – STEERING COMMITTEE

The SC comprises of a minimum of five and maximum of seven members including the EPTA President and the EuroPris representative. The EPTA President is for the duration of the Presidency a member of the Steering Committee. EuroPris is a permanent member. **The other Steering Committee members are elected by the members for four years per term and a maximum of two terms.**

EPTA members are informed one month before the Annual conference if elections for the SC will take place and are invited to submit nominations. The EPTA member institution nominates their candidate for the Steering Committee election. The candidates that receive the most votes from members at the Annual conference will be elected.

**Each EPTA member is expected to be represented in the Steering Committee at some point.** Each EPTA member can only be represented with one person in the Steering Committee. It is preferred that only the elected member attends the Steering Committee meetings on behalf of their institution.

# CHAPTER VI – STEERING COMMITTEE

- Conducting SC meetings
- Drafting EPTA procedural documents
- Proposing to members organisational or procedural changes
- Strategic advice on EPTA's functioning, activities and relations to external organisations
- Advising on the contents of the Annual conference
- **Appointing Sub-Committees/Working Groups as required.**

# CHAPTER VIII – BECOMING AN EPTA MEMBER

- Change the title of this Chapter to MEMBERSHIP
- Divide the chapter into two sub-categories
  - Membership
  - Observer Status



# CHAPTER VIII (a) – MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBERSHIP

**Text of this section to remain largely\* as currently laid out in the Articles of Association**

\* Being an EPTA member requires an actual commitment to its activities, as well as the observance of the following general obligations:

a) To abide by the present **Statutes; Change to Articles of Association**

A **statute** is a formal written enactment of a legislative authority that governs the legal entities of a city, state, or country by way of consent

b) To commit to the Council of Europe Recommendations and the European Prison Rules;

c) To contribute to the EPTA network activities;

d) To contribute, with its own means, to the achievement of EPTA mission and values;

# CHAPTER VIII (b) – MEMBERSHIP

## Observer Status

Observer Status is available to penitentiary training academies located in States which are not members of the Council of Europe and which are not eligible for membership as provided for in this chapter

Observer Status will be subject to any terms and/or conditions as may be laid down by the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee may invite/permit a member from an organisation which has been granted Observer Status to participate on Sub-Committees/Working Groups charged with the administration of specific projects.

Organisations which have been granted Observer Status may attend the EPTA Annual Conference however they will not possess voting rights.



**THANK YOU!**

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