

In accordance with the provisions of article 11 and 12 of the law of Associations («Službeni list RS», No.51/09), the Assembly of „Pokret napred” at the Founding Assembly held on 15/04/2012 in Zrenjanin has adopted:

STATUTE OF ASSOCIATION “POKRET NAPRED”

Area of achieving goals ARTICLE 1

Association “POKRET NAPRED” (hereinafter : Association) is a non-governmental and non-profit Association, founded indefinitely, in order to achieve the aims in the following areas:
economics and regional development, ecology, education and informing the youth, culture and social protection.

ARTICLE 2

Statute of Association “POKRET NAPRED” (hereinafter : Association) determinates goals and tasks, the name and the headquarters, representation and presentation, relations and cooperation with other Associations and duties of the members, the authorities, the acquisition and disposal of assets and the way of amending the statute and the decision on the dissolution of the Association.

ARTICLE 3

“POKRET NAPRED” is a civil Association in which people of good reputation in their private and professional lives join willingly and voluntarily in order to contribute to community development through positive initiative, the feeling of social responsibility, fellowship and unity for the sake of making positive changes.

Under the same conditions established by this statute, anyone who meets them, can become a member of the Association.

The name and headquarters of the Association

ARTICLE 4

The full and the abbreviated name of the Association is “POKRET NAPRED”.
The headquarter of the Association is placed in Zrenjanin, 5 Gimnazijska Street, 23000 Zrenjanin.

ARTICLE 5

The Association is a legal entity with rights, obligations and responsibilities defined by

the Constitution, Law and this Statute.

The Association operates on the territory of Republic of Serbia.

The appointed representative represents the Association in legal transactions.

ARTICLE 6

The Association has its round shaped stamp with Cyrillic text ”**POKRET NAPRED**“ and address of the headquarters of the Association and the emblem in the middle.

ARTICLE 7

The emblem of Association is a shield in which is situated a stylized inscription ”POKRET NAPRED”.

The name, emblem and other insignia of “POKRET NAPRED” can be used only by authorized members and cannot be used without written approval of the Association Representative.

The name of local branches of “POKRET NAPRED” will be formed by adding an extension of the name “POKRET NAPRED” the name of a region, city or municipality where the branches operate. For example, the name of a branch that operates in the territory of Banat will be POKRET NAPRED BANAT. If the branch is found on the territory of, for example, Zrenjanin City, the name will be POKRET NAPRED ZRENJANIN. This method will always apply except in the case where the Steering Committee makes different decision.

ARTICLE 8

The aims of “POKRET NAPRED” are commitment to spreading and developing moral, professional, organizational and creative abilities for our members with respect for principles of humanity and social justice, establishing and cultivating friendly relationships, which will contribute to the improvement of living and working conditions of the youth in their communities and developing of society as a whole.

In order to achieve its goals The Association organizes, on its own or in partnership with other organizations, professional meetings, consultations, seminars and other forms of education in the fields in which The Association operates, organizes voluntary activities for achieving its goals, cooperates with professional Associations and other organizations from listed fields in the country and abroad.

ARTICLE 9

The Association will refer to the following principles:

1. freedom of personality and dignity of people;
2. advocacy for economic justice;
3. advocacy for social justice.

ARTICLE 10

“Pokret Napred“ may join and cooperate with other related organizations, clubs and societies at home and abroad, if such joint activities are in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Association.

“Pokret Napred” will refrain from any activity that aims to spread religious, racial, gender or any other intolerance.

ARTICLE 11

“Pokret Napred” may organize local branches based on the decision of the Steering Committee. The branches can operate on the territory of the municipality, the city and region designated by the Steering Committee.

Operation and internal organization of the branches of “POKRET NAPRED” are governed by The By-law of internal organization which is proposed by the Steering Committee. Proposal to amend The By-law can be submitted by the President or any member of the Steering committee and adopted by a majority of the votes from the Steering committee.

ARTICLE 12

Members of the Association can be people of good character and with good reputation in their professional and private lives, who accept the goals and tasks set by this Statute and who actively participate in the work of the Association.

A member of the Association can become someone who:

- 1) is an adult;
- 2) accepts the Statute of the Association;
- 3) contributes to the achievement of aims and tasks of the Association;
- 4) regularly attends meetings of the Association;
- 5) justifies the absences by contacting the Secretary;
- 6) pays the entry fee and regularly pays the membership fee to the Association, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of the Association.

ARTICLE 13

In order to become a member, one must submit a written application for membership to the General secretary, along with the entry fee and the membership fee for the current year.

ARTICLE 14

The Association can introduce an honorary membership for outstanding individuals and former members, which implies adherence to and fulfillment of all obligations to the Association established by this Statute, but without the right to vote and take part in administration and

workforce of the Association. With exception, one can participate in debates during the Assembly Session.

ARTICLE 15

Rights, obligations and duties of the members are:

- 1) to elect and to be elected for the position in the administration and working forces;
- 2) to participate in achieving goals equally with the other members;
- 3) to be informed about the work of the Association, its administration and the realization of the program;
- 4) to determine the program of activities of the Association, take initiative for consideration and decision making in all aspects of the organization;
- 5) to submit a report on their work per request;
- 6) to implement the decisions of the Association authorities;
- 7) to take part in actions organized by the Association;
- 8) to fulfill the financial obligations of the Association.

ARTICLE 16

Membership in the Association is terminated by:

- 1) Resignation;
- 2) Exclusion;
- 3) The termination of the association.

It is considered that a member has resigned from the Association if they submit a written statement to the President of the Association or if they do not participate directly in the activities for a reasonable amount of time. This is determined by the Steering committee.

The member can be excluded from the association if they operate against the aims or if they act against this Statute. The decision about exclusion is made by the representative on the proposal by one of the members.

ARTICLE 17

The administration of "Pokret napred" include the Assembly, the Steering committee, the Supervision committee and the President who is the representative at the same time.

ARTICLE 18

The highest authority of the Association is the Assembly, which consists of all the members of the association. The Assembly manages all the activities of the association in accordance to the Statute, and it retains the right of deciding about all the rights and privileges, which are not explicitly placed under the authority of the other organs of the association.

ARTICLE 19

Assembly of the Association shall have exclusive jurisdiction to:

- 1) make the plan and program of work;
- 2) adopt the Statute, as well as amendments to the Statute;
- 3) adopt other general acts of the Association;
- 4) appoint and dismiss members of the Steering and Supervisory committee;
- 5) consider and adopt a report to the Steering and Supervisory Committee at least once a year;
- 6) review and adopt the financial plan and report;
- 7) decide about the status changes and dissolution of the association;
- 8) decide about joining alliances and other associations in the country and abroad;
- 9) appoint and dismiss the officials of the Association;
- 10) adopt the development plan and the annual work plan of the Association;
- 11) approve the annual budget;
- 12) approve the amendments to the Statute;
- 13) make a decision on the selection of honorary members;
- 14) adopt a long-term plan of the Association;
- 15) elect delegates and delegations to represent the Association in other organisations in accordance with the statutes and decisions of those organisations;
- 16) make decisions about the membership and entry fees of the Association;
- 17) decide appeals;
- 18) decide on the dissolution of the Association.

ARTICLE 20

The Assembly works in sessions.

Every year the annual Assembly session is held at the place designated by the Steering Committee of the Association.

Special sessions of the Assembly can be held on the request of the President of the Association, the Steering Committee or one third (1/3) of the Assembly.

The Assembly can make valid decisions if more than half of the members are present (51%), and decisions are valid if they are voted for by more than 50% of those present. All the members who paid the annual fee for the current year before the session have the right to vote on the session.

ARTICLE 21

The Assembly shall take its decisions by voting. The manner of voting on individual issues is determined by this Statute.

If the Assembly debates the issue for which a voting method is not determined in this Statute, decisions are taken by a simple majority (51%) of the votes.

If the number of for and against votes in sessions are equal, the President of the association has the right to contribute to the decision of the session with their vote.

ARTICLE 22

The work of the sessions of the Assembly shall be kept in minutes in which all of the decisions and conclusions adopted at the session of the Association Assembly are necessarily entered.

The minutes shall be signed by the President of the Association or a responsible person appointed by the Assembly.

Regular Assembly of the Association may be delayed only in the event of problems caused by the greater force.

The organisation of the regular Assembly is vested in the Steering committee, and they can entrust it to the person proposed by President of the Association.

ARTICLE 23

Elected officials of the Association are:

- the President;
- the Vice President;
- a Steering Committee member.

ARTICLE 24

The placed official of the Association is:

- the General Secretary.

ARTICLE 25

Along with the current elected and set officials, the status of the official has the current former President.

ARTICLE 26

Election or recall of all members of the Association with assigned duties as required by the Statute, for the next calendar, year can be individually approved by public voting on the regular session of the Assembly.

ARTICLE 27

Officials carry out the duties entrusted to them by the President or prescribed by this Statute.

ARTICLE 28

For the place of the officials, members must submit their candidacy in writing to the

Secretary General and they must be supported by two members of the Association.

ARTICLE 29

The Steering Committee consists of the President, the Vice President and another member, a total of 3 people. The term of office of the Board members is 4 years with the possibility of re-election, except the General Secretary whose mandate lasts 6 years except in the case of shortening their term in agreement with the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 30

The Steering Committee:

1. has control over the assets of the Association and manages its resources;
2. dismisses all appointees that are not authorized by the Assembly;
3. submits proposals to the Assembly;
4. acts in all matters entrusted to it by the Assembly and implements its decisions;
5. plans and coordinates activities of the Association;
6. decides about admission to membership;
7. trains, controls, coordinates work and receives reports on the work of all members of the Association with duties assigned as provided in this Statute;
8. examines and recommends correction of the budget to the Assembly, if necessary;
9. takes initiatives and proposals of the Association members into consideration;
10. proposes, receives and considers proposals for the amendments to this Statute;
11. makes decisions about the selection of people responsible for public relations and chooses the General Secretary
12. the Steering Committee makes the final decision about acceptance or rejection of the proposed projects and chooses the project developer.

ARTICLE 31

The Steering Committee meets at least once every four months on the site and at the time specified by the President.

On exception, the Steering Committee may be convened by the Chairman and the General Secretary on the request of one third of the Board members.

ARTICLE 32

The Steering Board can meet and make valid decisions if more than half (51%) of the members are present.

The Steering Board makes decisions based on the votes of the majority of the members present, unless this Statute states otherwise.

ARTICLE 33

While voting each member of the Steering Committee has equal rights. Voting at meetings of the Steering Committee is public, by show of hands, unless two thirds (2/3) of the Steering committee decides otherwise. Only the members of the committee present at the meeting have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 34

The Chairman of the Steering Committee is also the President of the Association and they have the following duties:

1. to represent the Association;
2. to preside over all the meetings of the Association;
3. the responsibility for the work of the Association;
4. to submit reports on their work to the Assembly.

The Chairman of the committee represents the Association in legal transactions and has rights and obligations in financial matters.

Vice-chairman is authorized to leave under the authority of the Steering Committee President, represent the Association and sign all financial documents on behalf of the Association.

Vice-chairman of the Board is the Vice President of the Association and has the following duties:

1. to replace the President whenever requested by the President
2. to undertake the necessary activities in order to increase the number of the Association members;
3. to oversee and coordinate the activities and programs of the Association.

ARTICLE 35

The Supervisory Committee controls the financial operations of the Association and promptly notifies the Steering committee of the observed irregularities.

The Supervisory committee has two members elected by the Assembly.

The mandate of the Supervisory Committee members is four years long and they can be re-elected.

The Supervisory Board presents their report on every Assembly Session.

ARTICLE 36

The General Secretary:

1. performs administrative tasks of the Association and is accountable directly to the Association President;
2. informs the Association members about all Assembly and Steering Committee meetings;
3. keeps the minutes of the regular meetings of the Association workforce, and on request of the Association members shows these minutes;

4. prepares the agenda of the meetings and submits them to the President for approval;
5. is responsible for preparing the annual report about the activities of the Association.

ARTICLE 37

The work of the Association is public.

The Association informs the public about its activities through its newsletters, the Internet, by giving information to the media, holding conferences, expert and other kinds of gatherings. Publicity of the Association's activities is achieved by sending invitations for the Assembly sessions and significant gatherings through media.

The Association has the right to publish their internal newsletter in which the members are notified about upcoming activities and all the Association activities.

ARTICLE 38

Material resources necessary to achieve their program goals and objectives the Association provides from:

1. registration fees;
2. membership fees;
3. by bidding projects to the authorities;
4. gifts, legacies, donations and other sources in accordance with the law.

Such resources may be used to achieve the goals of the Association.

Income and expenses of the Association are established by type and are allocated according to the purposes in accordance with goals and tasks of the work program for the following year, in accordance with this Statute.

ARTICLE 39

Material and financial operations of the Association are made in accordance with applicable legal and other regulations.

ARTICLE 40

For the legality of material and financial operations of the Association the person responsible is the Chairmen of the Steering committee. They also submit the financial report to the Assembly. If the report is approved by the majority of the votes, the Assembly adopts it.

ARTICLE 41

The initiative for the amendments to the Statute is submitted to the Steering Board.

The Steering Committee can initiate the procedure for the amendments to the Statute of the Association, if the initiative is accepted. If it is considered that there are no reasons for it, the initiative is rejected and the Steering Committee informs the initiators about their decision.

If the committee decides against accepting the initiative for making amendments to the Statute, the Steering Committee is obligated to inform the members about their decision on the following Assembly Session.

The Steering Committee delivers the draft of the changed Statute to the Assembly where the members publicly debate about its accuracy.

The Assembly decides about the amendments to the Statute by voting. If two thirds of the Assembly vote for the amendments to the Statute, it is adopted.

ARTICLE 42

The founders give the interpretation of the authenticity of the provisions of the Association Statute.

ARTICLE 43

The Association ceases to work if:

1. the competent authority prohibit the work of the Association;
2. it continuously fails to achieve its aims for which it was established; the decision about the termination is made by the Association Assembly.

ARTICLE 44

The President of the Association is obligated to inform the authorities about the termination of the Association within a maximum of fifteen (15) days because of the deletion from the register.

ARTICLE 45

If the Association is terminated, the assets of the Association shall be treated in accordance to the Law of the Associations.

If the Association is terminated, the assets of the Association shall be transferred to a local non-profit legal entity that is established to achieve the same or similar goals.

The Assembly is to determine which assets are transferred to whom in accordance with the Law, when deciding about the termination.

ARTICLE 46

Provisions of the Law of the Associations will be directly applied to all matters which are not regulated by this Statute.

This Statute takes effect on the day of adoption by the Association Assembly, and it will be effective to third parties from the day of the entry into the register at the authorities.

