



## **BYLAWS**

### **Article A**

#### **Subscriptions**

1. For State Members of Bruegel (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”), subscriptions referred to in Article 4 of the Statute are set for categories determined by GDP and population in accordance with the latest available data. They are initially set in proportion with “reference amounts” as detailed in the Annexe of these Bylaws, notwithstanding initial arrangements as set in Article F.
2. The subscription shall be paid by members in the first three months of the calendar year following the General Assembly which decided its amount.
3. New members which join the Association during a given year are subject to a subscription calculated as a part of the yearly subscription for their respective category as referred to above, proportional to the number of full months of membership during that year. In this case, the subscription shall be paid within two months of acceptance as members. When accepting new members which fall into none of the categories for which a subscription amount has been set, the Board sets the amount for the current year on a case-by-case basis.

### **Article B**

#### **Election of the Board**

The list proposed to the General Assembly for electing the Board is prepared as follows:

- (a) The Group of States selects three candidates to the Board.
- (b) The Group of Corporate Members selects three candidates to the Board.
- (c) The candidates selected as outlined in items (a) and (b) above choose five other candidates which shall not be civil servants from the participating Member States’ central administrations nor employees of the Corporate Members. Those candidates should be chosen with a view to enriching the Board's European perspective, taking into account the need for ensuring the diversity of members’ nationalities. They may have a background in Academia, public life, non-profit organisations, trade unions, or the media, this list being neither compulsory nor exhaustive. In this process, the candidates selected as outlined in items (a) and (b) above may consult relevant members of the Association not included in the two Groups.

(d) Furthermore, it shall be ensured that at least one of the eleven candidates has a background in Euro system central banking and that at least one has an economic research or think tank background.

The candidates selected as outlined in items (a) to (d) above are jointly proposed to the vote of the General Assembly for election as members of the Board.

## **Article C**

### **The Scientific Council**

1. 1 The Scientific Council consists of up to 8 internationally recognised academic scholars or other experts. It meets at least once a year.
2. 2 The members of the Scientific Council are appointed for a three-year term by the Board, upon proposal by the Director. Re-election is permitted twice.
3. 3 The members of the Scientific Council elect a Chairperson among themselves.
4. 4 The main tasks of the Scientific Council include:
  - (a) advising the Association and its Board on research planning;
  - (b) evaluating the quality of research conducted at and published by the Association, taking best standards as a benchmark and consulting external experts whenever necessary.
5. 5 The Board accepts the reports of the Scientific Council and advises on them.
6. 6 The Chairperson of the Scientific Council shall attend the Board meetings unless otherwise specified by the Chairperson of the Board, but does not have a voting right. Other members of the Scientific Council may be asked to attend Board meetings if deemed appropriate.
7. 7 The Scientific Council may adopt rules of procedure.
8. 8 There is no nationality requirement for membership of the Scientific Council.

## **Article D**

### **Publications**

Decisions for publications by the Association are cleared with an editorial board consisting of director, deputy director and programme directors. It is understood that the content of such documents should reflect the views of its author(s) and that the author(s), within guidelines set by the director, can communicate directly with the public on their work.

## **Article E**

### **Amendments to the bylaws**

Amendments to the bylaws require a three-quarters majority of both the General Assembly and of the Group of States.

## Article F

### Initial Arrangements

1. The minimum amount of donation to the Endowment referred to in Section 5, Paragraph 6 is initially fixed at respectively €2m (Categories 1 and 2 with reference to the Annexe), €4m (Categories 3 and 4) and €6m (Category 5) for State Members, 1 Million Euro for Corporate Members and 20 000 Euro for Individual Members.
2. In view of fast-changing economic conditions and data uncertainty, the categories set for the period 2008- 2010 (with reference to the ranking of EU Member States by mix of population and GDP published by the European Central Bank) remain in force in 2011. The state members' categorization will be re-examined in the course of 2011 in the light of available data.

These bylaws were originally signed by Bruegel's founding members on 22 June 2004 and were modified on 30 June 2005, 13 June 2007, 11 June 2008, 25 November 2010, and 10 December 2019 by the General Assembly.

**Exhibit 1**  
**“Reference Grid” of State Members**

The EU’s Member States are ranked according to the sum of:

- 50% of their respective share in the population of the EU
- 50% of its share in the gross domestic product at market prices of the EU, as recorded in the last five years.

The percentages are rounded up to the nearest multiple of 0.05 percentage points.

**State membership categories as set for the period 2020-2022**  
**on the basis of 2017 data**

Country	% 2017		Category
Malta	0.08%		1 (<0.5%)
Cyprus	0.15%		
Estonia	0.20%		
Luxembourg	0.23%		
Latvia	0.27%		
Slovenia	0.34%		
Lithuania	0.41%		
Croatia	0.56%		2 (0.5% - 1%)
Slovakia	0.80%		
Bulgaria	0.85%		
Finland	1.26%		3 (1% - 2.4%)
Ireland	1.29%		
Hungary	1.34%		
Denmark	1.50%		
Czechia	1.62%		
Portugal	1.63%		
Greece	1.67%		
Austria	2.04%		
Romania	2.48%		4 (2.4% - 6%)
Sweden	2.53%		
Belgium	2.53%		
Netherlands	4.05%		
Poland	5.17%		5 (> 6%)
Spain	8.28%		
Italy	11.62%		
France	14.09%		
United Kingdom	14.47%		
Germany	18.54%		
	100.00%		