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Document log

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CHAPTER 1 - ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

Article 1 - Name and statutory seat

1. There shall be a European Research Infrastructure called the "Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities", hereinafter referred to as "DARIAH".
2. DARIAH shall have the legal form of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) incorporated under the provision of Regulation (EC) No 723/2009 and be named "DARIAH ERIC".
3. DARIAH ERIC shall be a distributed research infrastructure. Its activities shall be carried out according to the DARIAH Strategy which will be updated every five years.
4. The statutory seat of DARIAH ERIC shall be in Paris, France.

Article 2 - Objectives, coordination and distribution of activities

1. The mission of DARIAH ERIC shall be to enhance and support digitally-enabled research across the humanities and arts. DARIAH ERIC shall develop, maintain and operate an infrastructure in support of ICT-based research practices.

2. DARIAH ERIC shall work with research and education communities in order to:

   a. Explore and apply ICT-based methods and tools to enable new research questions to be asked and old questions to be posed in new ways.

   b. Improve research opportunities and outcomes through linking distributed digital source materials.

   c. Exchange knowledge, expertise, methodologies and practices across domains and disciplines.

3. The DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO), as defined in Article 3, shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of DARIAH ERIC.

4. The description, the organisation and the distribution of the activities of the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO) shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

Article 3 - Duration

The duration of DARIAH ERIC shall be twenty years, renewable according to the majority rule defined in Article 17.13.

Article 4 - Amendment, Winding up

1. Amendment proposals may be submitted to the General Assembly by any Member, by the Board of Directors and by the Scientific Advisory Board.
2. Amendment proposals shall be included in the items on the agenda communicated with the invitation to the General Assembly.

3. The Annexes may be updated by the General Assembly without constituting an amendment of the Statutes.
4. The winding up of DARIAH ERIC shall follow a decision of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 17(16)(a).
5. Without undue delay and in any event within ten days after adoption of the decision to wind up DARIAH ERIC, DARIAH ERIC shall notify the European Commission about the decision.
6. Assets remaining after payment of DARIAH ERIC debts shall be apportioned among the Members in proportion to their accumulated annual contribution to DARIAH ERIC. Liabilities remaining after including DARIAH ERIC assets shall be apportioned among the Members, in accordance with Article 5(2).
7. Without undue delay and in any event within ten days of the closure of the winding up procedure, DARIAH ERIC shall notify the Commission thereof.
8. DARIAH ERIC shall cease to exist on the day on which the European Commission publishes the appropriate notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 5 - Liability

1. DARIAH ERIC shall be liable for its debts.
2. DARIAH ERIC Members shall be liable up to their respective annual contributions provided to DARIAH ERIC, unless they have signed a statement undertaking additional liability for DARIAH ERIC debts.
3. The Board of Directors shall negotiate and sign an appropriate insurance policy on behalf of DARIAH ERIC.

Article 6 - Access Policy

1. The tools and services offered by DARIAH ERIC shall in principle be freely available for use by the scientific and educational community.
2. The General Assembly may decide that some services shall be offered against a fee and shall specify the conditions in the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 7 - Scientific Evaluation and Dissemination Policy

1. DARIAH ERIC shall be operating an infrastructure with no limitations on access based on time, space or other considerations, in principle, free to the scientific and educational community.
2. If for any reason access must be restricted, either temporarily or permanently, access may only be provided after peer review on the basis of excellence and best practices. The General Assembly, following consultation with the Scientific Advisory Board, shall adopt the necessary implementing rules.

3. DARIAH ERIC shall take all appropriate action to promote the infrastructure and its use by researchers.
4. Such actions may include, among others, the creation of a web portal, the issuing of a newsletter, the organisation of and participation in conferences and workshops, etc.

Article 8 - Intellectual Property Rights, Data Policy and Protection of privacy

1. Intellectual Property shall be governed by the national legislation of the Members or Observers and by international agreements to which Members or Observers are parties.
2. Generally open source and open access principles shall be favoured.
3. A DARIAH Data policy shall be developed and shall be approved by the General Assembly.
4. Use and collection of DARIAH ERIC data shall be subject to European and national laws of data privacy.

Article 9 - Employment Policy

1. DARIAH ERIC is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Employment contracts shall follow the national laws of the country in which the staff is employed.
3. DARIAH ERIC shall not discriminate in any way between directly employed and seconded personnel.
4. DARIAH ERIC shall advertise all vacancies and shall set an adequate time-period for the receipt of applications.
5. DARIAH ERIC shall not offer any position to any applicant before the lapse of the above mentioned time period.
6. DARIAH ERIC shall not offer any position to any person who cannot lawfully accept employment in the European Union and/or the Host State and/or at the place of employment according to European Union and local legislation.
7. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the hiring of personnel and shall be assisted by the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO).

Article 10 - Procurement policy and VAT exemption

1. DARIAH ERIC shall follow the principles of relevant European Union Public Procurement Directives and subsequent applicable national legislation.
2. Procurement by Members and Observers concerning DARIAH ERIC activities shall be done in such a way that due consideration is given to DARIAH ERIC needs, technical requirements and specifications issued by the relevant bodies.
3. VAT exemption based on Articles 143(1)(g) and 151(1)(b) of Council Directive 2006/112/EC and in accordance with Articles 50 and 51 of Council Implementing

Regulation (EU) No 282/2011, shall be limited to the value added tax for such goods and services which are for official use by DARIAH ERIC, exceed the value of €150, and are wholly paid and procured by DARIAH ERIC. Procurement by individual Members shall not benefit from these exemptions.

4. VAT exemption shall apply to non-economic activities, not to economic activities.
5. VAT exemption shall be applied to goods and services for the scientific, technical and administrative operations undertaken by DARIAH ERIC in line with its principal tasks. This also includes expenses for conferences, workshops and meetings directly linked to the official activities of DARIAH ERIC. However travel and accommodation expenses shall not be covered by VAT exemption.

CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 11 - Definitions

In these statutes the following capitalised terms shall have the meaning provided hereafter:

Cooperating Partner: An institution, either public or private, which serves a public mission, located on the territory of a country which is not a DARIAH Member or Observer country, which has been accepted by DARIAH ERIC, as defined in Article 13 hereof.

DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO): A unit, which is responsible for the coordination of the activities of DARIAH ERIC. It supports and integrates all levels of DARIAH ERIC (General Assembly, Scientific Advisory Board, Board of Directors, Senior Management Team, National Coordinator Committee and the Joint Research Committee).

National Coordinating Institution: The national public or private institution with a public service mission appointed by each Member and Observer to represent the country in the operations of the DARIAH ERIC and to coordinate national DARIAH activities.

National Consortium: The grouping of the National Coordinating Institution and at least one other partner institution in a Member or Observer country that collaborate to support the digital arts and humanities research nationally and contribute their collective knowledge and expertise to DARIAH.

National Coordinator: Person appointed by the National Coordinating Institution on behalf of a Member or an Observer, who acts as the scientific leader of the National Consortium, and as a link between DARIAH ERIC and the National Consortium. National Coordinators may appoint a Deputy.

National Representing Entity: Ministry, funding agency or other legal entity of a DARIAH Member or Observer which has been selected to formally represent its country within the DARIAH ERIC.

National Representative: Person appointed by the National Representing Entity to represent their country's interests and to exercise the Members' or Observers' rights and obligations in the DARIAH General Assembly. National Representatives may appoint a Deputy.

Partner Institution: An institution, either public or private, which serves a public mission, actively contributes to DARIAH, and is situated in a DARIAH Member or Observer country and is either part of the official National Consortium or approved by the National Coordinator.

DARIAH Strategy: A document, prepared by the DARIAH Board of Directors in consultation with all DARIAH bodies and the wider community, which details the strategy of DARIAH for a period of 5 years. Approved by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 3 – MEMBERSHIP, OBSERVERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP

Article 12 - Members, Observers and Cooperating Partners

1. Member States of the European Union, associated countries, third countries other than associated countries and intergovernmental organisations shall have the right to become Members of DARIAH ERIC, subject to the formalities provided for herein and the decisions of the General Assembly.
2. Member States, associated countries, third countries other than associated countries and intergovernmental organisations may become Observers in DARIAH ERIC, subject to the formalities provided for herein and the decisions of the General Assembly.
3. DARIAH ERIC shall have at least a Member State and two other countries that are either Member States or associated countries as Members.
4. Member States or associated countries shall hold jointly the majority of the voting rights in the General Assembly.
5. Members shall appoint national public institutions or private institutions with a public service mission as National Coordinating Institutions, as listed in Annex I. National Coordinating Institutions shall represent the Members in the operations of DARIAH ERIC.
6. Observers shall appoint national public institutions or private institutions with a public service mission as National Coordinating Institutions, as listed in Annex I. National Coordinating Institutions shall represent the Observers in the operations of DARIAH ERIC.

7. Members, Observers and their National Representing Entities are listed in Annex I. The Members at the time of submission of the ERIC application shall be referred to as Founding Members.
8. Observer status is a pathway to full Membership. Thus, the Observer status is limited to a three-year term, renewable once. Furthermore, Members cannot become Observers.
9. DARIAH ERIC may conclude agreements with Cooperating Partners.

Article 13 - Admission of Members, Observers and Cooperating Partners

1. Any State or intergovernmental organisation interested in becoming a Member, Observer, or any institution interested in becoming a Cooperating Partner, shall apply in writing to the Chair of the General Assembly according to the provisions defined in the Internal Rules of Procedure.
2. The General Assembly shall decide on the acceptance of the new Member, Observer or Cooperating Partner.
3. DARIAH ERIC and the Cooperating Partner shall enter into a binding agreement, defining the framework of the cooperation, based on the recommendations of the General Assembly, for a period of at least two years, at the end of which the cooperation shall be evaluated.

Article 14 - Termination and withdrawal of Member or Observer status

1. If the General Assembly decides that a Member or an Observer is acting in serious breach of the Statutes and the Internal Rules of Procedure, and if the Member or Observer has failed to rectify such breach within a period of six months, the General Assembly may decide to expel the defaulting Member or Observer.
2. The vote of the defaulting Member shall not be counted for the decision.
3. The defaulting Member or Observer shall have the right to explain to the General Assembly its position, before the General Assembly makes any decision on the issue.
4. Within the first five years of the membership and within the first three years of the observership of DARIAH ERIC, no Member or Observer may withdraw unless exceptionally agreed otherwise by the General Assembly.
5. Members or Observers who do not initially commit for five years (Members) or three years (Observers) shall sign a statement specifying the shorter period which shall be recorded by the General Assembly when deciding on the acceptance.
6. After the first five years of the membership, or after the first three years of the observership of DARIAH ERIC, a Member or Observer may withdraw from DARIAH ERIC by providing written notice to the Chair of the General Assembly no later than 31st August of the ongoing year. The withdrawal will become effective at the end of the following calendar year, which constitutes a minimum notice period of 16 months. If possible, the reasons for withdrawal should be provided. This process can be stopped with written notice at any point before the withdrawal date.

7. The Member or Observer wishing to withdraw shall be required to pay in full its financial obligations for the whole financial year following the year during which written notice of withdrawal was given.
8. If an Observer decides to become a full Member, it shall apply in writing to the Chair of the General Assembly before the term of its observership expires. The General Assembly shall decide on the acceptance of the new Member.
9. Notwithstanding Art. 14.4 to Art. 14.8, Members and Observers that are associated countries, third countries other than associated countries, or intergovernmental organisations, may withdraw from DARIAH ERIC following changes in Council Regulation (EC) No 723/2009 that would materially affect their rights and obligations in relation to DARIAH ERIC.

   Such changes are considered material where they imply increased fees (including annual contributions or decommissioning costs), amend voting shares, impose requirements contrary to the applicable laws according to Art. 29 of these Statutes, remove the right to be represented in the General Assembly or other committees, or change their rights related to representation or use of the infrastructure.

   The conditions and effects of withdrawal from DARIAH ERIC shall be decided in accordance with the present Article. The affected Member or Observer shall provide written notice to the Chair of the General Assembly within six months of the relevant change to the EU ERIC Regulations and in accordance with the withdrawal procedure outlined in Art. 14.6 of these Statutes.

CHAPTER 4 - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

Article 15 - Members

1. Members in DARIAH ERIC may use all tools and services and participate in all activities. They shall have the right to participate and vote in the General Assembly.
2. Members shall pay their annual contribution to the DARIAH ERIC budget, based on principles and the method of calculation provided in Article 25(1) and in Annex II hereof.
3. The Board of Directors shall recommend the contribution of an Intergovernmental Organisation and countries not recognised by the Council of Europe to the General Assembly for approval.

Article 16 - Observers

1. Observers in DARIAH ERIC may use all tools and services and participate in all activities. Additionally, Observers may be present and take the floor in all General Assembly meetings but without voting rights.

2. Observers shall pay their annual contribution to the DARIAH ERIC budget, based on principles and the method of calculation provided in Article 25(1) and in Annex II hereof.
3. The Board of Directors shall recommend the contribution of an Intergovernmental Organisation and countries not recognised by the Council of Europe to the General Assembly for approval.

CHAPTER 5 - GOVERNANCE

Article 17 - General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the governing body of DARIAH ERIC with full decision-making powers, and shall represent the Members of DARIAH ERIC. Each Member has one vote. Each National Representing Entity shall nominate one National Representative. The National Representing Entity may also appoint a Deputy National Representative, who may substitute for the National Representative in their absence. Representatives of the Observers of DARIAH ERIC may be present and take the floor in all General Assembly meetings, but without voting rights.
2. Additionally, each Member or Observer may bring other experts. Each delegation may consist of up to three persons, but the National Representative or the Deputy National Representative carries the vote.
3. If a National Representative or a Deputy National Representative cannot attend the General Assembly, the Member may authorise another National Representative of another Member to vote on its behalf by means of a written and duly signed authorisation, which shall be presented to the Chair before the meeting.
4. If, on 31 October of the year in which the General Assembly meeting takes place, a Member's contributions for the previous year have not been paid, that Member's vote shall be suspended.
5. The General Assembly shall elect a Chair by simple majority of the votes among its Members for a three-year term, renewable once. In exceptional and duly justified cases, the mandate of the Chair can be further extended upon decision of the General Assembly. In case the Chair resigns before the end of the term, a new Chair shall be elected by the General Assembly.
6. The General Assembly shall elect one or more Vice-Chair(s) by simple majority of the votes among its Members for a three-year term, renewable once. In exceptional and duly justified cases, the mandate of Vice-Chairs can be further extended upon decision of the General Assembly. In case a Vice-Chair resigns before the end of the term, a new Vice-Chair shall be elected by the General Assembly.
7. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Chair, and in his or her absence and in case of conflict of interest, by (one of) the Vice-Chair(s). In case neither the Chair nor a Vice-Chair is present, the General Assembly will choose an ad-hoc Chair among the Members present. The Chair, or a person authorised by the Chair, with the support of the DCO, shall be responsible for updating Annex I, so there shall be at all times an accurate list of the Members, Observers and their National Representing Entities.

8. The operational details of organising any kind of General Assembly meeting (such as ordinary meetings, extraordinary meetings, repeat meetings, invitation deadlines, agendas, quorum, minutes etc.) shall be stated in the Internal Rules of Procedure.
9. In an ordinary meeting, extraordinary meeting or repeat meeting of the General Assembly, if at least two thirds of the Members, who are entitled to vote, are present or represented, the quorum requirement shall be met.
10. The General Assembly shall validly:
    a. hold a meeting only if the quorum requirements have been met;
    b. make a decision only if the required voting majorities have been met.
11. On all items, the General Assembly shall use their best efforts to achieve consensus. Failing consensus, the General Assembly shall decide the issues in accordance with the weighted voting system as defined in Articles 17.13 to 17.16.
12. The General Assembly shall convene at least once a year to discuss decisions such as:
    - appointment, evaluation, suspension or dismissal of a director;
    - amendment of the statutes including Annex II - Principles for calculation of contributions;
    - amendment of the Internal Rules of Procedure;
    - approval of the policy and the procedure for the appointment of the members of the Board of Directors;
    - approval of new Members, Observers and Cooperating Partners;
    - appointment or dismissal of the members of the Scientific Advisory Board;
    - approval of the DARIAH Strategy;
    - approval of the annual budget;
    - approval of the financial reports and the annual activity report;
    - appointment of auditors;
    - approval of each Member's contribution to DARIAH;
    - termination of membership and observer status;
    - engagement of the winding up process of DARIAH ERIC according to Article 4.
13. All decisions of the General Assembly shall be passed by simple majority of the votes cast by the Members present or represented, except for decisions that are defined in Articles 17.14, 17.15 and 17.16.
14. Decisions concerning the following shall require two thirds of the votes cast by the Members present or represented:
    a. the amendment of the Internal Rules of Procedure;
    b. the appointment, evaluation, suspension or dismissal of a director.
15. Decisions concerning the following shall require two thirds of the votes cast by the Members present or represented including the positive vote of the Members representing at least fifty per cent of the annual DARIAH ERIC contributions as defined in Article 26(1) and in Annex II:
    a. the amendment of the statutes including Annex II - Principles for calculation of contributions;
    b. approve an annual increase of the contributions of Members and Observers, which would exceed two percent.
16. Decisions concerning the following shall require unanimity of the votes cast by the Members present or represented:
    a. terminate DARIAH ERIC;

b. terminate a membership or observership status not counting the vote of the member in question or the abstentions to vote.

17. Any amendment of the statutes shall be subject to the provisions laid down in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 723/2009.
18. The General Assembly may establish other advisory bodies and committees where needed including the possibility to dissolve them.

Article 18 - Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is the executive body of DARIAH ERIC and its legal representative. It shall be composed of three directors, appointed by the General Assembly. The directors shall be qualified individuals, with significant experience in the field of arts and humanities including the application of information technology in the arts and humanities. The Board of Directors is accountable to the General Assembly.
2. Each director shall be appointed for a term of up to five years following the procedure outlined in the Internal Rules of Procedure and may be re-appointed following a mid-term evaluation. However, no director shall be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms.
3. In the case that a director resigns or becomes unable to exercise his or her duties, the General Assembly shall appoint another director.
4. The Board of Directors shall:
    a. provide leadership for DARIAH ERIC and propose its strategic objectives and directions;
    b. sign on behalf of DARIAH ERIC all contracts, agreements and other binding documents, after approval of the General Assembly when its agreement is required;
    c. represent DARIAH ERIC before all European, international and national authorities and courts and function as its primary contact;
    d. ensure the availability of adequate financial resources and prepare the budget;
    e. prepare the Internal Rules of Procedure;
    f. control the efficiency of DARIAH ERIC's performance in relation to the strategic objectives and directions prescribed by the General Assembly;
    g. prepare the annual activity report as outlined in Article 29(1);
    h. supervise the Senior Management Team;
    i. manage and employ members of the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO) as outlined in Articles 2(4) and 9(7);
5. The members of the Board of Directors shall be bound by the provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 19 - Scientific Advisory Board

1. The Scientific Advisory Board consists of between five and ten individuals, appointed by the General Assembly, for a term of three years, renewable once.
2. The Scientific Advisory Board shall elect one of its members as the Chair.
3. The Chair shall convene and chair all meetings of the Scientific Advisory Board.
4. The Chair shall be elected for a three-year term, renewable once. In exceptional and duly justified cases this mandate can be further extended upon decision of the Scientific Advisory Board.
5. The General Assembly shall ensure that the members of the Scientific Advisory Board have significant experience in the field of arts and humanities including the application of information technology in the arts and humanities.
6. The Scientific Advisory Board shall meet annually and provide advice and guidance to the General Assembly and all other DARIAH bodies on scientific and technical matters.
7. The members of the Scientific Advisory Board shall be bound by the provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 20 - Senior Management Team

1. The Senior Management Team is composed of the Chair and the Vice-Chair(s) of the National Coordinator Committee, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Joint Research Committee, and the members of the Board of Directors. Relevant officers of the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO) and the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board shall be invited to attend Senior Management Team meetings.
2. The Board of Directors shall consult the Senior Management Team for all general matters including drawing up proposals for the General Assembly, establishing and modifying annual work plans related to DARIAH ERIC and ensuring consistency, coherence and stability of the research infrastructure services.
3. The President of the Board of Directors shall convene and chair all meetings of the Senior Management Team.
4. The members of the Senior Management Team shall be bound by the provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 21 - National Coordinator Committee

1. The National Coordinator Committee is one of the two operational organs of DARIAH ERIC. Its aim is to integrate and coordinate national DARIAH activities at the European level.
2. It shall consist of one National Coordinator for each Member and each Observer appointed by the National Coordinating Institution of that Member or Observer. The National Coordinator shall be appointed for a renewable term of three years. The National Coordinating Institution of each Member or Observer may also appoint a

Deputy National Coordinator, who may substitute for the National Coordinator in their absence. Each National Coordinating Institution may change their National Coordinator at any time. Relevant officers of the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO) and the Board of Directors shall be invited to attend the National Coordinator Committee.

3. The National Coordinator Committee shall elect, with simple majority, its Chair and Vice-Chair(s) among its members, for a three-year term, renewable once. In exceptional and duly justified cases their mandate can be further extended upon decision of the National Coordinator Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) shall be members of the Senior Management Team where they shall represent the collective view of the National Coordinator Committee.
4. The members of the National Coordinator Committee are bound by the provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 22 - Joint Research Committee

1. The Joint Research Committee is one of the two operational organs of DARIAH ERIC. Its aim is to contribute to the alignment and strategic vision of DARIAH's scientific and technical activities across its wider communities and to advise the Board of Directors on these matters.
2. The JRC is composed of between six and ten experts representing scientific or technical fields relevant for DARIAH in one of the DARIAH Member or Observer countries. The JRC shall elect, with simple majority, a Chair and a Vice-Chair among the JRC members, for a three-year term, renewable once. In exceptional and duly justified cases their mandate can be further extended upon decision of the JRC members.
3. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the JRC are members of the Senior Management Team where they represent the collective view of the Joint Research Committee.
4. The members of the Joint Research Committee are bound by the provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure.

CHAPTER 6 - BUDGET

Article 23 - Preparation and adoption of the budget

1. The Board of Directors with the competent officer of the DARIAH Coordination Office (DCO) shall prepare a draft budget for the next budgetary period, which shall be presented to the General Assembly in the first half of the preceding fiscal year.
2. The draft budget shall include all appropriations and a calculation of the Member and Observer contributions for the next budgetary period and a projection of costs and contributions for the following two budgetary periods.

3. If the budget is not adopted for the beginning of the fiscal year the total appropriations which may be entered monthly in DARIAH ERIC should be subject to the limitations of the previous budgetary year.

Article 24 - Budgetary Period

1. Each DARIAH ERIC fiscal year shall begin on 1 January and shall end on 31 December of each year.
2. The budgetary period shall encompass one fiscal year.

Article 25 - Cash and In-kind Contributions

1. The contribution of each Member and each Observer shall consist of two parts. One part shall be the cash contribution and the other the in-kind contribution. These two parts contribute to a percentage of the annual cash budget and the annual in-kind budget of DARIAH ERIC, and shall be based on the GDP figures of each country. The principles and the method of calculation are provided in Annex II.
2. Members and Observers shall be responsible for the transfer of the cash contribution to DARIAH ERIC.
3. In-kind contribution shall be any agreed non-cash contribution to the DARIAH ERIC budget.
4. The Internal Rules of Procedure shall set out the procedure for the assessment and the evaluation of in-kind contributions.

Article 26 - Accounts and Auditing

DARIAH ERIC shall be subject to the requirements of the law of the Host State as regards preparation, filing, auditing and publication of accounts.

CHAPTER 7 - MISCELLANAEOUS

Article 27 - Working language

Without prejudice to the regulatory requirements of the Host Member State, the working language of DARIAH ERIC shall be English. These Statutes shall be deemed authentic in English, French and all other official EU languages. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DARIAH ERIC may communicate with the representatives of the Host Member State in its official language where required by applicable law or regulation.

Article 28 - Reporting

1. DARIAH ERIC shall produce an annual activity report, containing in particular the scientific, operational and financial aspects of its activities. The report shall be presented to the General Assembly by the Board of Directors, for approval, and transmitted to the European Commission and relevant public authorities within six months from the end of the corresponding financial year. This report shall be made publicly available.
2. The ERIC shall inform the European Commission of any circumstances which threaten to seriously jeopardise the achievement of DARIAH ERIC tasks or hinder DARIAH ERIC from fulfilling requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 723/2009.

Article 29 - Applicable Law

DARIAH ERIC shall be governed, by precedence:

a. by Union law, in particular Regulation (EC) No 723/2009;
b. by the law of the Host State in case of a matter not covered, or only partly covered, by Union law;
c. by these Statutes and their implementing rules.

Article 30 - Disputes

1. The Court of Justice of the European Union shall have jurisdiction over litigation among the Members and Observers in relation to DARIAH ERIC, between the Members, Observers and DARIAH ERIC and over any litigation to which the European Union is a party.
2. European Union legislation on jurisdiction shall apply to disputes between DARIAH ERIC and third parties. In cases not covered by European Union legislation, the law of the Host State shall determine the competent jurisdiction for the resolution of such disputes.

Article 31 - Availability of Statutes

The Statutes shall be kept up to date and made publicly available on the DARIAH ERIC website and at the statutory seat.

ANNEX I - LIST OF MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS

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Members

Country or Intergovernmental organisation	National Representing Entity	National Coordinating Institution
Austria	Ministry of Women, Science and Research	Austrian Academy of Sciences - Institute for Corpus Linguistics and Text Technology
Belgium	Belgian Science Policy Office	University of Ghent - Ghent Centre for Digital Humanities
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Ministry of Civil Affairs	Academy of Music of Sarajevo University
Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Science	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski
Croatia	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth	Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research
Cyprus	Ministry of Education and Culture	Cyprus University of Technology (Limassol)
Czech Republic	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	Charles University, Prague
France	Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Space	National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) - TGIR Huma-Num
Germany	Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space	University of Göttingen
Greece	Academy of Athens	Academy of Athens
Iceland	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation	University of Iceland - Centre for Digital Humanities and Arts
Ireland	Research Ireland	Trinity College Dublin
Italy	Ministry of Education, University and Research	National Research Council of Italy
Luxembourg	Ministry of Research and Higher Education	Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History, C²DH, University of Luxembourg

Malta	Ministry for Education and Sport	University of Malta
Netherlands	Dutch Research Council	KNAW Humanities Cluster – International Institute of Social History
Poland	Ministry of Science and Higher Education	University of Warsaw
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology	NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities
Serbia	Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation	Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation
Slovak Republic	Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth	Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology Slovak Academy of Sciences
Slovenia	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport	Institute of Contemporary History
Spain	Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities	University of the Basque Country (UPV)
Sweden	Swedish Research Council	Huminfra
Switzerland	State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation	Data and Service Center for the Humanities (DaSCH)

Observers

Country or Intergovernmental organisation	**Representing entity**	**National Coordinating Institution**

ANNEX II – PRINCIPLES FOR CALCULATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1. The annual cash and in-kind contributions of Members and Observers shall be determined using the following variables:
    a. Scale of contribution;
    b. DARIAH unit of ownership, in short: DARIAH unit;
    c. Cash budget;
    d. In-kind budget;
    e. The Members and Observers selected by the General Assembly to calculate the DARIAH unit.

2. The scale of contribution for a country shall be calculated with the following formula: divide the GDP of the country by the sum of the GDPs of the Council of Europe member states, and then round the scale of contribution to two figures after the decimal point. For countries that join DARIAH ERIC as Observers, their scale of contribution shall be 10 percent of what it would have been if they had joined as Members.

3. The DARIAH unit for the cash budget (x) shall be calculated with the following formula: divide the cash budget by the sum of the scales of contribution of the Members and Observers selected by the General Assembly to calculate the DARIAH unit for the cash budget.

4. The DARIAH unit for the in-kind budget (y) shall be calculated with the following formula: divide the in-kind budget by the sum of the scales of contribution of the Members and Observers selected by the General Assembly to calculate the DARIAH unit for the in-kind budget.

5. Contributions for cash and in-kind shall be calculated according to the following formula:
    a. **Cash contribution:** The scale of contribution for a country is multiplied by the DARIAH unit for cash (x), and the result is then rounded up to the nearest hundred Euro.
    b. **In-kind contribution:** The scale of contribution for a country is multiplied by DARIAH unit for in-kind (y), and the result is then rounded up to the nearest thousand Euro.

6. The General Assembly may change the cash and in-kind budgets every year, and the reference GDP after three years, in accordance with the weighted voting system as defined in Article 17(15).

7. If the General Assembly does not change the variables of the budget (as described in principle 1 above), the annual contribution shall be the contribution of the previous year with an annual increase of two per cent to compensate for inflation and increase in costs.

8. Intergovernmental organisations shall pay the contribution according to their status as Member or Observers.

9. The contribution for entities joining during the course of a year shall be proportional to the number of remaining months in that year, starting on the first day of the month of joining.

10. The annual contribution for Members or Observers not initially committing for five years shall be raised by twenty five per cent, as long as the commitment for the remaining period has not been made. If a commitment for the remaining part of the five years is made or if the Member or the Observer stays for five years, arrangements shall be made to ensure that the Member or the Observer shall not pay more in total than the standard contribution for those five years.