



STATUTE OF ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER I – IDENTIFYING DATA OF THE ASSOCIATES

ART.1. Identifying data of the associates

The territorial-administrative units organized in accordance with Law no. 2/1968 regarding the administrative management, represented by their Mayors on the grounds of Law no. 215/2001 concerning the local public administration, that make up the **Intercommunity Development Association** named “**Baia Mare Metropolitan Area**”, are:

- 1.1. BAIA MARE CITY**
- 1.2. BAIA SPRIE TOWN**
- 1.3. CAVNIC TOWN**
- 1.4. SEINI TOWN**
- 1.5. ȘOMCUTA MARE TOWN**
- 1.6. TĂUȚII MAGHERĂUȘ TOWN**
- 1.7. CERNEȘTI COMMUNE**
- 1.8. CICÂRLĂU COMMUNE**
- 1.9. COAȘ COMMUNE**
- 1.10. COPALNIC MĂNĂȘTUR COMMUNE**
- 1.11. DUMBRĂVIȚA COMMUNE**
- 1.12. GROȘI COMMUNE**
- 1.13. MIREȘU MARE COMMUNE**
- 1.14. RECEA COMMUNE**
- 1.15. REMETEA CHIOARULUI COMMUNE**
- 1.16. SATULUNG COMMUNE**
- 1.17. SĂCĂLĂȘENI COMMUNE**
- 1.18. VALEA CHIOARULUI COMMUNE**



CHAPTER II – STATEMENT OF THE WILL OF ASSOCIATION AND OF THE SUGGESTED PURPOSE

ART.2. Statement of the will of association and of the suggested purpose

In accordance with the Government Ordinance no.26/2000 regarding associations and foundations, approved with amendments by law no.246 from July 18th, 2005, and in full compliance with Law 215/2001 regarding local public administration and Law 51/2006 regarding community services of public utilities with its subsequent amendments and completions, as founders, we express our will to set up the „**BAIA MARE METROPOLITAN AREA**” **INTERCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**, a non-profit legal entity of private law and public utility, aiming at a sustainable development of the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association and all their surrounding areas, by mutually carrying out certain development projects of zonal or regional interest and by providing together certain services of public utilities.

CHAPTER III - NAME AND HEAD-OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION

ART.3. Name of the Association

The name of the Association is: „**BAIA MARE METROPOLITAN AREA**” **INTERCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**. The abbreviated name of the Association is ZMBM.

ART.4. The head-office of the Association

The legal head-office of the Association is in Baia Mare city, 37, Gheorghe Șincai street, Postal Code 430311, Maramureș County.

The head-office of the Association can be changed following a decision of the General Assembly of the associates.

The Association may have branches in other parts of the country or abroad, following the decision of the General Assembly, according to law.

CHAPTER IV - THE RUNNING DURATION AND REGISTERED CAPITAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

ART.5. The running duration of the Association

The running duration of the Association is unlimited.

ART.6. The registered capital of the Association

The registered capital of the Association is of 20.722 lei.



CHAPTER V – EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

ART.7. Explanation of the purpose and objectives of the Association

The „**BAIA MARE METROPOLITAN AREA**” **INTERCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**, aims at a sustainable development of the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association and all their surrounding areas, for common carrying out of zonal or regional development projects and by commonly providing services of public utility.

ART.8. The objectives of the „**BAIA MARE METROPOLITAN AREA**” **INTERCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**, regarding the common achievement of zonal or regional development projects are as follows:

- a) A sustainable development of the entire Metropolitan Area and of all territorial-administrative units that make up the Association;
- b) The improvement and development of transport, telecommunications and energy infrastructure of the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association and of the entire Metropolitan Area;
- c) The development, modernization and improvement of community services in public utilities;
- d) Integrated economic development;
- e) Development of tourism and the tertiary sector;
- f) Development of new residential areas, according to European standards;
- g) The development of human resources, raising of the employment rate and combating social exclusion and social disparities;
- h) Efficient and integrated management of the area’s potential;
- i) Removing of the disparities between localities in the conditions of indicators and endowment level indicated in Law no. 351/2001;
- j) Attracting new investment and increasing access to resources;
- k) Organizing and participating in schooling, training and refresher courses, seminars and conferences;
- l) Development of own projects and programs in partnership with other natural and legal persons at home or abroad;



- m) Elaboration of strategies, programs, specialized surveys and inquiries in order to inventory the problems the population and different categories of citizens of the metropolitan area are faced with;
- n) Support the young and the young families;
- o) Promote integrated and efficient solutions to build social houses, active participation in programs for creating jobs, and raise the general standard of living;
- p) Promoting private and public investment with a view to sustainably develop the metropolitan area and the territorial-administrative units is made up of;
- q) Prevention and control of crime and of different risk behaviours among the people of the territorial-administrative units that the Association is made up of;
- r) Encourage and promote school attendance and increase the educational and cultural level of the young and of other vulnerable categories;
- s) Granting of scholarships and other forms of material support;
- t) Carrying out and encouraging acts of charity and patronage;
- u) Providing consultancy and advice to people interested in the field of observing the human rights, development of civic awareness, sustainable economic development, protection of the environment and as well as in other areas of general interest regarding public life;
- v) Other legal activities, in accordance with the purpose of the Association.

Art.9.

(1) The objectives of the „**BAIA MARE METROPOLITAN AREA**” **INTERCOMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION** regarding the mutual provision of services of public utility are as follows:

- a)** to develop and approve the development strategy of public utility services;
- b)** to monitor the implementation of investment projects in technical utilities infrastructure related to public utility services;
- c)** to constitute the interface for discussions and to be an active partner for local administrative public authorities in what regards the development and management aspects of the public utility services;
- d)** to develop and approve the tender book/books and the rules/regulations for public utility services;



e) to develop and approve the tender documentations for the awarding of delegation contract/contracts and to establish the conditions for participation and selection criteria for operators, excepting the case of direct award according to art. 31st of **Law no. 51/2006**, with the subsequent amendments and completions;

f) to sign the delegation contract/contracts with the operators, on behalf of the territorial-administrative units involved, that will together have the quality of delegate, as provided by art. 30 of **Law no. 51/2006**, with the subsequent amendments and completions;

g) to monitor the execution of the delegation contract/contracts and to inform its members on a regular basis about the current situation, to observe the meeting of the obligations assumed by operators and, in accordance with the mandate received to apply contractual penalties;

h) to identify and propose any action meant to increase the opportunities for the financing of the investment projects in technical utilities infrastructure related to public utility services;

i) to improve the investment planning in technical utilities infrastructure related to public utility services;

(2) In order to achieve the objectives related to the common provision of certain services of public utility, the associates will mandate the Association, through decisions of the Local Council, to carry out on their behalf the duties related to public utility services for which this has been decided, in accordance with Law no. 51/2006, with the subsequent amendments and completions.

CHAPTER VI – ORGANIZATION, MEMBERS, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OTHER BODIES OF MANAGEMENT, MONITORING AND CONTROL

ART.10. The members of the Association are exclusively territorial-administrative units, as legal entities of public law, that acknowledge and enforce this current Statute.

ART.11. The territorial-administrative units that have constituted the Association or which will join it later on, retain all the rights and obligations conferred by Law no. 215/2001 regarding local public administration, with the subsequent amendments and completions. The deliberate and executive authorities, at the level of each component of administrative-territorial unit will preserve the local autonomy, according to law.

ART.12. The principles that lay at the basis of the functioning of the Association are:

- to respect the autonomy of the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association;
- an integrated sustainable development of the whole area;
- the sustainable development of the territorial-administrative units;
- the subsidiarity, through the people's participation in the decision-making process;
- partnership;
- the transparency of decision-making.



ART.13. The acceptance of a new member will be made on the basis of a written application of the latter, addressed to the President of the Association, through which the applicant requires to join the current statute. The application will be accompanied by the decision of the Local Council through which the joining of the respective administrative-territorial unit has been accepted.

ART.14. The adhesion application will be submitted to decision of the Board of Directors and administration, who can accept or reject the application.

ART.15. The acceptance of a member in the Association is considered as starting with the date of their registration in the Register of the Association members.

ART.16. The registration of new members in the Register of the Association members is carried out by the delegate administrator of the association within not more than 3 (three) days after the acceptance decision taken by the Board of Management and Directors of the application.

ART. 17. The Association members will have the following rights:

- a) to participate in the activities, projects and programs of the Association;
- b) to use the material endowments of the Association, in accordance with its mission;
- c) to wear the marks and signs of the Association;
- d) to elect and to be elected in the Management and Control structures, as provided by this Statute;
- e) to benefit from all forms of defence and support of the Association;
- f) to freely express their views on any issue;
- g) to contest the decisions of the General Assembly or of the Board of Directors and to summon the General Assembly if supported by the signatures of at least 1/3 of the members;
- h) to give up the quality of member, through a written request addressed to the Board of Directors and Management. The request for the giving up of the quality of member of the Association will be accompanied by the decision of the Local Council, through which the withdrawal of that certain territorial- administrative unit from the Association has been approved of;
- i) to benefit from the Association's data and information base;
- j) to be consulted in all matters concerning the area;
- k) to request and obtain support in solving problems that concern the area;
- l) to be informed on the programs and development projects of the area.



ART.18. The Association members have the following statutory obligations:

- a) to thoroughly know and accept the provisions of the Statute of the Association, and the Rules of Organization and Operation;
- b) to contribute to the carrying out of the Association's aim and objectives;
- c) to not engage the Association in any activity without a mandate from the Board of Directors or from the General Assembly;
- d) to pay the annual membership fee in the amount settled by the General Board of Directors, and Management;
- f) to avoid or refrain from comments or public interventions that might impair the Association.

ART.19. The quality of member of the Association will terminate in the following circumstances:

- a) resignation;
- b) expulsion, according to the current Statute.

ART.20. For violation of the Statute or the Rules of Organization and Operation, members may receive the following sanctions:

- a) verbal warning regarding a violation of the rules, and the recommendation to obey these rules in the future;
- b) written reprimand;
- c) withdrawal of the right to vote and be elected in the Board structures for maximum 1 (one) year;
- d) exclusion of the Member from the Association;

Sanctions under letters a) and b) are taken following the decision of the Board of Directors and Management.

Sanctions under letters c) and d) are taken following the vote of 2/3 of the members of the Association, during the meeting of the General Assembly.

ART. 21. The Association has the following management and control board:

- a) The General Assembly;
- b) The Board of Directors and Management;



c) The Commission of Censors.

ART.22. The General Assembly is the supreme management body, that is made up of the founding members and the other members that join the Association after its setting-up.

ART.23. The General Assembly of the Association meet once a year (usually in the first quarter of the year) in an ordinary session, and whenever necessary, in an extraordinary session.

ART.24. The summoning of the General Assembly in ordinary session is made by the President of the Association, through the Delegate Managing Director of the Association and the subordinate executive body.

The summoning of an extraordinary assembly is made at the initiative of the Board of Directors and Management or at the proposal of 1/3 of the Association's members who have the right to vote.

ART.25. The General Assembly is statutory if all the members of the Association are present.

If the first summoning is not validated, there will be another summoning. The second summoning will be made not before 5 days from the first, but not later than 15 days from this date.

On the second summoning, the General Assembly is statutory if at least 2/3 of the total number of the members of the Association are present.

If the second summoning is not validated, there will be another summoning. The third summoning will be no sooner than 5 days after the second, but not later than 15 days from this date.

At the third summoning, the General Assembly is statutory regardless of the number of members present.

The Authority Act of the General Assembly is the decision.

All the decisions are taken with the vote of 2/3 of the members of the Association present, except for the decisions regarding the alterations to the constitutive act and Statute's the dissolution and termination of the Association, for which are necessary 2/3-rds of the number of members of the Association present.

To ensure compliance and opposability towards third parties, the decisions of the General Assembly are signed by the President of the Association or by a Vice-President and by the Managing Director.

The meetings of the General Assembly are chaired by the President of the Association, or in their absence, by a Vice-President.



The decisions taken are recorded in the minutes of the meeting and in a special register by the Managing Director of the Association via its secondary executive body.

The decisions of the General Assembly can be subjected to the approval of the Local Councils of the territorial-administrative units, members of the Association.

The meetings of the General Assembly may be attended by other natural or legal persons, at the invitation of any member of the Association, and also by any local counselor of the territorial-administrative units, members of the Association.

ART. 26. The General Assembly's duties are as follows:

- approves of the agenda of each meeting;
- modifies and approves of the Articles of Incorporation and the Statute;
- approves of the Rules of Organization and Operation and the Rules of Inner Organization;
- appoints the Board of Directors;
- elects and revokes the Censors of the Association;
- approves of the income and expenses budget implementation of the Association and the annual financial situation;
- approve of the liquidation and dissolution of the Association;
- performs any other duties in accordance with legal provisions.

ART.27. The General Assembly has the following special duties as for the aim of providing in common certain public utility services:

- 1) approval of the development strategy for public utility services;
- 2) the drafting of the tariff policy in the domain of public utility services;
- 3) the closing of the delegation contracts concerning public utility services.

As far as these are concerned the associates agree:

a) the Association will ensure the drawing up and approval of the development strategy for public utility services. On the basis of the development strategy will be established the investments necessary for the achievement of the objectives stipulated in this strategy, as well as for the implementation plan and macro-affordability analysis. The investment plans will be updated periodically taking into account the development strategy;



b) the financial sources for the investments may be non-refundable funds granted by the European Union or by financial institutions, funds from the state budget, the local budgets of the associates, own or attracted funds of the operator/operators;

c) the lists of priority investments and their financing plans will be discussed during the meetings of the General Assembly and approved of by the deliberative authorities of the associated beneficiaries of the investments (owners of the assets resulting from the investments), as well as by the associates that will share the goods that result following the investments. Depending on the investments referred to, the lists of priority investments and financial plans will be attached and become part of the corresponding delegation contracts;

d) the feasibility studies due to the investment lists will be submitted to the approval of the Association before being approved of by the deliberative authorities of the associated beneficiaries of the investments (the owners of the goods resulting from the investments);

e) depending on the specific character of the public utility services, the activities that are still part of these, which are under the responsibility of each associate and the development strategy, the management of services and respectively, that of the component activities of the services, as well as the concession of public utility systems related to services/ activities components, will be assigned to one or more operators on the grounds of a/some delegation contract/contracts;

f) the contract/contracts for the delegation of the management of services/ activities of the components of the services will be assigned according to the legal provisions in force and will be struck between the operator and the Association, on behalf of the associates/those associates who delegate by the same delegation contract the component activities of the services under their responsibility;

g) the operator will be responsible for implementing the investment programs established in the delegation contract/contracts, will maintain, modernize, rehabilitate and expand the concessioned infrastructure and he will also manage the services/the component activities on their own risk and responsibility, according to the provisions of the delegation contract;

h) the Association will monitor the fulfillment of the obligations undertaken by the operator(s) according to the delegation contract;

i) the Association will carry out on behalf of its associates the rights and obligations that they have as delegators, according to the provisions of this Statute.

ART.28. The General Assembly will adopt decisions regarding the objective of common providing of public utility services, under the following special provisions:

(1) Each associate, through their representative, has an equal vote in the Association's General Assembly.

(2) In order to take decisions that concern only certain members of the Association have the right to attend and vote during the meeting of the General Assembly through the mediation of their



representatives, that is, only the associates in whose competence are organized and work the public utility services at the time of the General Assembly's meeting, only the associates that will benefit from the investments, as well as the associates who will share the goods that will result following the investments, called in the current statute "involved associates".

(3) In order to be valid, the decisions of the General Assembly of the Association regarding the exercise of responsibilities provided by article 27, shall be made in the presence of all associates/associates involved and with the favorable vote of either at least a half of the associates/associates involved who represent at least two thirds of the total number of the population of all associates/associates involved or with the vote of at least two thirds of the associates/associates involved who represent at least a half of the total number of all associates/associates involved.

If the first summoning has not met the legal quorum, the General Assembly shall be convened on another date, not later than 15 calendar days from the first summoning, while regarding the second summoning the General Assembly shall meet the legal quorum irrespective of the number of associates involved present and shall decide by the majority of associates/associates involved present.

(4) Whichever the situations provided by paragraphs 2 and 3, should a decision of the General Assembly of the Association directly regard the activity and assets of a certain associate, no decisions may be made in the absence of and without the favorable vote of his/her representatives.

(5) Should the representative of one of the Associates not be able to attend one of the General Assembly's meetings to which he/she has been summoned, this person may be replaced by another representative, commissioned for this purpose.

ART. 29.

(1) Decisions made by General Assembly regarding the exercise of the special responsibilities provided by art. 27, cannot be voted by the representatives of associates, unless they have a special express mandate, previously granted, through the decisions of the deliberative authority of the associate whose representatives he/she is.

(2) Within maximum 5 days decisions made by General Assembly shall be submitted to the deliberative authorities of associates or associates involved, as the case may be. The Association is obliged to publish all the decisions of the General Assembly on its website.

(3) Should any associate consider that an injustice has been done regarding one of his/her rights or legitimate interest by a decision of General Assembly of the Association, decisions regarding the exercise of general responsibilities provided by art. 26 or the exercise of the special ones provided by art. 27 of the present Statute, this associate is entitled to take legal action in compliance with the law in force.



ART.30. The Board of Directors is the executive managing authority of the Association, composed of one representative of each territorial-administrative unit member of the Association, designated by the Local Council, at the proposal of the Mayor and of the local councilors.

As a rule, the representatives of the territorial-administrative units members of the Association, in the Board of Directors and in the General Assembly, are the Mayors of the member localities.

In order to ensure a homogeneous decision making process of the administrative member units the Board of Directors and the General Assembly have the following structure:

-1 (one) President, 4 (four) Vice-Presidents, of which two will be elected from among the Mayors of the towns and two from among the Mayors of the communes that are members of the Association, and members.

The mandate for President of the Association is 2 (two) years. The mandate for each Vice-President of the Association is 1 (one) year, applying the principle of representation by rotation.

The President and the Vice-Presidents are elected through vote by The Board of Directors, out of its members.

ART.31. The Board of Directors is statutorily constituted when the majority of its members are present

If the first summoning does not meet this quorum, another summoning will be made not sooner than at least 48 (forty-eight) hours, but not later than 120 (one hundred and twenty) hours after the first summoning.

At the second summoning the Board of Directors is statutorily constituted regardless of the number of members present.

ART.32. The Board of Directors adopts decisions by a simple majority of the members present. In case of a tie vote, the vote of the President is decisive.

In order to ensure compliance and opposability towards third parties, the decisions of the Board of Directors are signed by the President of the Association or by a Vice-President and by the Managing Director.

The decisions taken will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and in a special register by the Managing Director of the Association via its secondary executive body.

ART.33. The Board of Directors manages the Association's activity in accordance with the objectives for which it has been set up through the delegate Managing Director and via its secondary executive body.

The Board of Directors has the following attributions:



- a) decides on the amount of the fees and taxes for the members of the Association;
- b) approves of surveys, forecasts, programs, projects, strategies and action plans for socio-economic and environmental development, territorial planning and organisation and urbanism, technical economic documentations for investment works as well as the attendance in regional and zonal development programs, which then be submitted for the approval of the local/county councils of the administrative-territorial units that make up the Association;
- c) sets-up institutions, companies and public services, according to law;
- d) appoints and revokes the Managing Director;
- e) approves of, following the Managing Director's recommendation, the organisational chart, the staff list/title list and the number of personnel of the Association;
- f) carries out the projects and programs of the Association and contributes to the fulfillment of the projects and programs of the units of territorial-administrative components;
- g) ensures the putting into force of the decisions made by the General Assembly and the Local Councils of the territorial-administrative units that compose the Association;
- h) approves of, following the Managing Director's recommendation, the annual work plan of the Executive Bord of the Association;
- i) approves of the budget of revenues and expenses proposed by the Managing Director;
- j) strikes legal acts for and on behalf of the Association, except for those falling under the competence of the General Assembly;
- k) manages the patrimony of the Association and manages its activities;
- l) any other attributions as stipulated by the present Statute, Inner Regulations, decisions of the General Assembly and legal provisions in the matter.

ART. 34. The Board of Directors normally meets quarterly and any time it is necessary.

The meetings of the General Assembly may be attended by other natural or legal persons, at the invitation of any member of the Board of Directors, and also by any local counselor of the territorial- administrative units, members of the Association.

ART.35. The President of the Board of Directors is also the President of the Association. He chairs the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors and also represents the Association in relation with third parties



In order to represent the Association's current activity, the President and/or the Board of Directors may appoint another member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director, specifying the area, duration and limits of the competences conferred.

ART. 36. The financial control body of the Association is the Commission of Censors, which consists of 3 members, of which one must be a chartered accountant according to law. The Censors' mandate is for 3 (three) years, with the possibility to be extended.

ART.37. The position of Censor within the Association may be held by people who have full legal capacity and meet certain legal requirements. The members of the Board of Directors cannot be Censors. The Commission of Censors is led by a President.

ART. 38. The attributions of the Commission of Censors are as follows:

- verifies the accounting records and supervises the financial activity of the Association;
- verifies the way in which the income has been obtained, that is, the way in which the money of the Association has been spent;
- annually submits for approval to the General Assembly the report on the execution of the budget of incomes and expenses;
- proposes the submission of the year end inventory of the Managing Director;
- makes recommendations on improving the management of the Association's patrimony.

ART.39. The Commission of Censors verifies the activity of the Board of Directors regarding the execution of the budget of incomes and expenses and draws up an annual report which will be submitted for approval to the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII - INCOMES AND EXPENSES

ART. 40. The Association's incomes come from:

- a) contributions and fees of the territorial-administrative units members of the Association, paid from their local budgets;
- b) donations, sponsorships or both;
- c) other financial resources received from local, county, or state budgets;
- d) from direct economic activities;
- e) incomes from national and international grants;
- f) other legal sources provided by the legislation in force regarding the non-profit organizations;

ART.41. The incomes of the Association are used exclusively to achieve the goals and objectives provided in the Statute.



ART.42. The financial year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of each year.

ART.43. The economic financial activity of the Association is carried out according to the income and expenditure budget approved by the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER VIII – TERMINATION OF ACTIVITY

ART.44. The Association will be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 regarding associations and foundations with subsequent amendments and additions. In case the dissolution has been the decision of the General Assembly, the latter must be adopted by a majority of 2/3 (two-thirds) of all members.

ART.45. The Association will be liquidated in accordance with the provisions of Government Ordinance no. 26/2000 regarding associations and foundations with subsequent amendments and additions.

ART.46. After liquidation of the Association, the assets will be transferred to another Association or to a non-profit entity similar or close to the aims of the Association, as decided by the General Assembly, in accordance with current legal provisions.

CHAPTER IX – THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND THE TECHNICAL EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE ASSOCIATION

ART.47. The Managing Director of the Association is appointed by the President of the Association, on the grounds of the decision of the Board of Directors, following a test or exam.

ART.48. The procedure for organizing the test/exam for the position of Managing Director of the Association will be previously approved of by the Board of Directors.

ART.49. To be able to hold the position of Managing Director of the Association, a person must meet the following conditions:

- to have full legal capacity;
- to have long-term higher education;
- to know a foreign language;
- to have postgraduate studies in the field of public administration and/or project management;
- to have at least 5 years of experience in strategic planning and/or project implementation.

ART.50. The President of the Association and the Board of Directors may authorize the Managing Director to fulfil any of its attributions according to the present Statute or according to law.



ART.51. The Managing Director has mainly the following attributions:

- a) to enforce the decisions of the Board of Directors, of the General Assembly and as well as the requests of the President of the Association, within the limits of the present Statute, the Rules of Organization and Operation as well as in accordance with all legal provisions;
- b) to prepare the draft budget of the Association and to submit it for approval to the Board of Directors;
- c) to elaborate the organisational chart, the staff list/title list, the number of personnel and the Rules of Organization and Operation of the technical-executive body of the Association and to submit these for approval to the Board of Directors;
- d) to hire following a test/exam the staff for the technical-executive body of the Association, according to the organisational chart and staff list/title list approved by the Board of Directors;
- e) to ensure the execution of the budget of incomes and expenses, to approve the annual programme of public procurement of the Association and to coordinate the procedures of public procurement within the Association, in accordance with the legal provisions in force;
- f) to draw up reports and submit them for approval to the Board of Directors or the General Assembly, as appropriate;
- g) to approve of the reports drawn up by the staff of the Executive Body of the Association, in order to ensure the execution of the budget of incomes and expenses;
- h) to lead and coordinate the activity of the Executive Body of the Association;
- i) other attributions according to the Statute, the Rules of Organization and Operation, the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Board of Directors.

ART.52. For the implementation of the activities under their competence and for the fulfillment of their attributions, the Managing Director leads and coordinates a technical executive board

ART.53. The technical executive board of the Association is structured according to the organisational chart and staff list/title list approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.

CHAPTER X - RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

ART.54. The Rules of organization and operation are adopted by the General Assembly of the Association by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of all members.

The Rules of organization and operation are decided on in detail, and the rights and obligations of the Association's members, the organization and functioning of the Association and of its technical executive board. It also establishes the procedure for the application of sanctions and a



suitable method of resolving any misunderstandings occurring between two or more members of the Association.

CHAPTER XI – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

ART. 55. The Association has its own stamp and symbols.

ART.56. The Association has the obligation to promote the position of member of all the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association, in all activities and projects, using the emblem and other distinctive symbols of the respective territorial-administrative units, in order to achieve the Association's objectives.

ART. 57. The use by the members of the Association and/or its collaborators, including the technical- executive body of the Association, of the emblem or other distinctive symbols of the territorial-administrative units that make up the Association, with the purpose of achieving improper personal benefits, is punished according to the legislation in force and leads to exclusion from the Association.

ART.58. The present Statute represents the legal framework for the functioning of the Association.

ART.59. The provisions of the present Statute are supplemented by other legal provisions in force regarding its activity, and by the Rules of Organization and Operation of the Association, when adopted.

ART.60. The present Statute takes effect on the date of its approval by the General Assembly, in its meeting on **April 02, 2012**. It consists of XI chapters and 60 articles and was drafted in 20 (twenty) original copies.