



ASSEMBLY OF EUROPEAN REGIONS PRODUCING FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

ASSEMBLÉE DES RÉGIONS EUROPÉENNES FRUITIÈRES, LEGUMIÈRES ET HORTICOLES

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ASAMBLEA DE LAS REGIONES EUROPEAS HORTOFRUTÍCOLAS

ASSEMBLY OF EUROPEAN FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND HORTICULTURAL REGIONS

STATUTES

Amended in accordance with the decisions of the Extraordinary General Meeting of 3 April 2025

TITLE 1 CONSTITUTION - PURPOSE

Article 1 - Formation and name

The Association has been set up by the Regions of the European Union and by the Producers' Associations which belong to it. It is called : Assembly of European Fruit, Vegetables and Horticultural Regions (AREFLH).

The Association is governed by the French law of 1 July 1901 and the decree of 16 August 1901. It is registered with the Registre des Associations of the Préfecture of Bordeaux.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Assembly of European Fruit, Vegetable and Horticultural Regions is :

- To promote and defend the common interests of fruit, vegetable and horticulture producing regions and producers in the European and global economy;
- To organise and develop dialogue, consultation, study and joint action between its members;
- To strengthen the representation of these Regions and producers with the European Institutions and to facilitate their participation in the decision-making process at Community level in all matters that concern them.

It provides itself with the administrative and financial resources needed to organise regular meetings and activities to transfer knowledge, know-how and technology to the fruit, vegetable and horticultural sectors of the European Regions and POs/APOs, in particular the creation or development of databases, institutes or bodies for training, research and experimentation, promotion, communication and, in general, the study of all problems encountered by the fruit, vegetable and horticultural Regions and producer organisations.

The Association has no profit-making, political or religious aims.

Article 3 - Registered office :

The Association's registered office is at :
MIN de Brienne,
110 quai de Paludate, BP26 33 800 BORDEAUX.

It may be transferred, on a proposal from the Executive Committee, by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Article 4 - Duration

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

TITLE 2 COMPOSITION

Article 5 - Members of the Association

The following may be members of the Association:

- The fruit, vegetable and horticultural regions of the European Union ;
- Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables and horticulture sectors;
- Associations of Producer Organisations, European Associations of Producer Organisations, producers groups constituted in the form of associations or any other equivalent form in the Member States of the European Union, operating in the fruit and vegetables and horticulture sectors;
- Professional organisations, not having the status of Producer Organisation or Association of Producer Organisation, operating in the fruit and vegetables and

horticulture sectors and which contribute, through their purpose and action, to the implementation of the Common Market Organisation (CMO);

- Advisors and experts, natural or legal persons, with specific skills in the field of fruit, vegetables and horticulture and the implementation of CMO objectives.

More generally, the members of the Association must pursue a common objective of contributing to the implementation of the CMO in the field of fruit and/or vegetables and/or horticulture and on the territory they represent, or demonstrate an interest in the development of the CMO on their territory.

Membership of the Association is not open to producer(s) and/or independent reseller(s).

Admission to membership of the Association requires compliance with the membership procedure set out in Article 7 of the Statutes of Association and the prior approval of the Association's Board of Directors under the conditions set out in Article 7 of the Statutes of Association.

The members of the Assembly of European Fruit, Vegetable and Horticultural Regions are grouped into 3 colleges:

- a College of Regions,
- a College of Producers,
- a College of Observer Regions, Advisors and Experts.

Article 5a - College of Regions

Article 5 bis.1 - Purpose

The College of Regions is, within the Association and in accordance with its purpose, the consultative body for the Regions of Europe. It is responsible for studying, proposing and/or transmitting legislative and regulatory proposals, on its own behalf or on the proposal of the College of Producers, guiding and promoting collaboration and synergies between the Regions, with the aim of consolidating and improving the fruit and vegetable and horticulture sectors at European level.

Article 5 bis.2 - Composition

Members of the College of Regions are the fruit, vegetable and horticultural regions of the European Union that have paid their membership fees for the previous calendar year.

Article 5 bis.3 - Participation of members and voting

The Regions are represented by a full member and an alternate member appointed by the highest political authority of these Regions. They may be represented by delegates.

The College of Regions shall meet at least once a year, convened by the President of the College of Regions. It shall deliberate on any matter relating to its purpose as set out in Article 5a. 1 It shall elect a President of the College of Regions from among the natural persons who are permanent representatives of the Regions.

When voting within the College of Regions, each Region has three votes and two proxies for absent Regions wishing to vote.

Decisions within the College of Regions are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the Regions present or represented, with the exception of decisions to appoint the President of the College of Regions, which are taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the Regions present or represented.

Article 5 bis.4 - Presidency

The President of the College of Regions chairs the Association.

Article 5b – College of Producers

Article 5 Ter. 1 - Purpose

Within the Association and in accordance with its purpose, the College of Producers is the body for discussion between the members of the College of Producers.

It is responsible for studying and/or proposing any legislative and regulatory initiatives, and for developing any action concerning the production and promotion of the consumption of fruit, vegetables and horticultural produce, in compliance with the Association's purpose and European Union law, to encourage technical and cultural exchanges, and to promote cooperation and synergies between the Regions, producer organisations and their associations, with the aim of consolidating and improving the fruit, vegetable and horticultural economy at regional, inter-regional and international level.

Matters relating to the CMO, POs and/or APOs are discussed by this College, and related decisions must be submitted to the Association's Board of Directors for approval.

Article 5 Ter.2 - Composition

The College of Producers is made up of the following members of the Association:

- Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables and horticulture sectors (hereinafter referred to as "POs");
- Associations of Producer Organisations (APOs), European Association of Producer Organisations (EAPO), groups of producers constituted in the form of associations or any other equivalent form in the member countries of the European Union, operating in the fruit and vegetable and horticulture sectors (hereinafter referred to as "APOs or equivalent structures");
- Professional organisations, not having the status of Producer Organisation or Association of Producer Organisations, operating in the fruit and vegetables and horticulture sectors and which contribute, through their purpose and action, to the implementation of the Common Market Organisation (CMO).

Each of the members having the status of APO or equivalent structure appoints from among its members, a full member and an alternate member who are natural persons to represent it.

Member POs are represented on the College of Producers as a single group, by a full member and an alternate member. The member POs must therefore designate, by a majority of their members, the full member and alternate member who will, where applicable, sit and represent them on the College of Producers and who alone will have the right to vote.

Article 5 Ter.3 - Member participation and voting

The members of the College of Producers take part in the various bodies of the Association with the same prerogatives as the members of the College of Regions.

The College of Producers meets at least once a year, convened by the President of the College of Producers. It deliberates on any matter relating to its purpose as set out in Article 5 Ter. 1 It elects, from among the natural persons who are permanent representatives of the members of the College of Producers, a President of the College of Producers.

During votes within the College of Producers, each APO or equivalent structure has one vote and two proxies for APOs not present and wishing to vote.

As a single group, member POs have one vote.

Only APOs or equivalent structures and POs that are up to date with their membership fees for the previous year may take part in the vote (unless the current year is their first year of membership).

Decisions within the College of Producers are taken by a simple majority of the votes of the members of the College of Producers present or represented, with the exception of decisions to appoint the President of the College of Producers, which are taken by a majority of two-thirds of the votes of the members of the College of Producers present or represented.

When a APO is a member of the Association but the geographical region to which it belongs is not a member of the Association, the APO is represented in the College of Producers but is not eligible for election to the Association's Board of Directors.

Article 5 Ter.4 - Presidency

The President of the College of Producers is Vice-President of the association.

Article 5c: College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts

The College of Observer, Advisor and Expert Regions comprises the following members:

- The Observer Regions defined in Article 6 of these Statutes of Association;
- Advisers and experts, natural or legal persons, with specific skills in the field of fruit, vegetables and horticulture and the implementation of CMO objectives;
- And, more generally, professional organisations that are not POs, APOs or equivalent structures, and do not meet the criteria set out in articles 5 Ter for membership of the College of Producers.

Members of this College participate in AREFLH working groups but are not represented on the Association's Board of Directors.

The membership fee for this College is the same as for an APO.

The College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts meets at least once a year, when convened by the President of the said College. It deliberates on any matter relating to its purpose. It elects a President of the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts from among the individuals who are permanent representatives of the members of the College.

Decisions within the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes of the members of the said College present or represented, with the exception of decisions to appoint the President of the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts, which shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members of the said College present or represented.

Article 6 - Observer regions, Advisers and Experts

Article 6.1 - Observer regions

European fruit, vegetable and horticultural regions with a clear interest in promoting these sectors to consumers may be admitted as Observer Regions. Observer Region status will be granted for one year by a vote of the Ordinary General Assembly on a proposal from the Executive Committee.

At the end of this one-year observation period, the Association's Board of Directors will decide whether or not to propose that the Observer Region join the Association as a Region and become part of the College of Regions.

Article 6.2 - Advisers and experts

Qualified people, appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may attend meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, and may be given special assignments as advisers or experts.

Article 6.3 - Quality - Contributions

The Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts are members of the Association and are grouped together in the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts.

The Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts, members of the Association, are liable for any membership fees charged by the Association.

Article 7 - Procedure for admission to membership of the Association - Approval

All applications for membership must be made in writing, addressed to the President of the Association, in accordance with the admission procedure described below, and submitted by him to the Board of Directors or approval. The Board of Directors decides on admission by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present or represented, without having to justify its decision, whatever it may be, after verifying that the applicant meets the conditions laid down in the Statutes of Association and, where applicable, the internal rules.

If the application is rejected, the Board of Directors is not obliged to inform the applicant of the reasons for the rejection, and the applicant may not invoke this decision to bring any action against the Association or any of its members.

Admission of a member implies full acceptance of the Statutes of the Association and the internal rules, the decisions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and, where applicable, the obligation to sign the specifications, as well as payment of the annual subscription.

Admission procedure

Applicants must follow the various stages of the procedure to apply for admission to membership of the association:

- Submission of an application including a letter of application and details of the applicant organisation (name, territory, products represented, number and type of partners, production volume, economic data on production and exports);
- The application is then examined by the Secretary General to check its formal content;
- The application is submitted to the Board of Directors, which decides whether or not to accept the application. Reasons need not be given for refusal.
- In the event of acceptance of a new membership, information on this new membership is communicated to the General Assembly following the Board of Directors' decision.

Special membership conditions:

- APOs or equivalent structures must be approved in advance by the Region in which their head office is located. The application of the APO or equivalent structure will therefore be subject to the approval of the Region concerned prior to the deliberation of the Board of Directors called upon to rule on the membership application. If the applicant's country of origin does not have an administrative region, a reasoned request must be sent to the President of the Association, explaining the applicant's situation with regard to its purpose, its activity and the territory it covers.
- There can be no double membership of the Association for the same territory and for the same product. Consequently, if an APO is a member of the Association for a given territory and an applicant PO from the same territory represents the same products, the PO's application for membership will be rejected. On the other hand, if an APO in a given territory is a member of the Association and an applicant PO in the same territory represents products different from those represented by the APO, the application of the PO concerned will be submitted to the Association's Board of Directors for approval. The Board remains the sole decision-maker as to whether or not to admit an applicant as a member of the Association.

Article 8 - Loss of membership

Membership of the Association, and consequently of one of the three Colleges, is terminated as follows

by :

- Dissolution of the legal entity,
- Force majeure,
- Resignation addressed in writing to the President of the Association,

- Exclusion decided by the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority in the following cases conditions set out in Article 8.2 of the Statutes of Association,
- Expulsion by the Board of Directors for non-payment of membership fees.

Members who resign, are expelled or excluded are required to pay any outstanding membership fees and the membership fee for the current year at the time of resignation, exclusion or expulsion.

Article 8.1 - Resignation

A member of the Association may only withdraw from the Association after a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of admission and after having fulfilled all its commitments to the Association, and by notifying the Board of Directors of its decision by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, addressed to the President, at least three (3) months before the closing date of the current financial year.

If a member of the Association wishing to withdraw fails to notify the President of the Board of Directors at least three (3) months before the end of the current financial year, the member shall remain liable to pay the membership fee for the following financial year.

Any withdrawal must coincide with the end of a financial year (which corresponds to a calendar year).

Failure to comply with the above deadline shall constitute grounds for exclusion as set out below.

Article 8.2 - Exclusion

The exclusion of a member of the Association may be decided by the General Assembly.

An Ordinary General Assembly of the Association shall be held on the basis of a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present. The decision must be taken for one of the following reasons:

- Serious misconduct,
The following are considered to constitute serious misconduct giving rise to exclusion:
 - Non-payment of membership fees,
 - Failure to comply with the decisions of the General Meeting and/or the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee;
 - Failure to comply with the Statutes of Association or internal rules,
 - Any act causing moral or material prejudice to the Association;
- Failure to comply with the deadline for exercising the right of withdrawal referred to in 8.1 above;
- Failure to comply with the conditions of admission set out in these Statutes of Association or, where applicable, in the Association's internal rules;
- Receivership or liquidation of the member of the Association, subject to the mandatory provisions of the relevant legislation, cessation of activity of the member of the Association;
- Substantial modification of the legal form or of the activity carried out, having the effect of causing Producer Organisations to lose their recognition, their qualification or their field of activity;
- Substantial modification of the legal form or the activity carried out, with the effect of causing Associations of Producer Organisations to lose their qualification as an Association of Producer Organisations for fruit and vegetables;
- For legal entities other than Producer Organisations or Associations of Producer Organisations, a substantial change in the legal form or the activity carried out, the effect of which is to cause this structure to lose its activity in connection with the implementation of the CMO in fruit, vegetables and horticulture.
- Serious nuisance to other members of the Association, or to the interests of the Association, and reputation of the Association.

Any member of the Association threatened with expulsion shall be given at least one (1) months' notice, by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, of the charges against

him/her, and invited to present his/her defence before the General Assembly of the Association.

In the event of a decision to exclude a member, the exclusion shall take effect on the date of the General Assembly at which the decision is taken. Exclusion entails, in particular, a definitive ban on the excluded member referring to the approach(es) implemented by the Association, as well as on using the distinctive signs of the Association.

Article 9 - Eligibility and liability of members

The same member may only sit on one College at a time.

No member of the Association shall be personally liable for the commitments of any other member. The Association's assets alone are liable for its commitments.

TITLE 3 RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 10 - Association resources

The Association's resources consist of :

- Subsidies granted by the European Union,
- Proceeds from the membership fees,
- Contributions that may be made by local authorities, individuals or bodies with an interest in the work of the Association, in particular organisations representing production or appellation areas,
- Any grants, donations or bequests that may be made to it,
- Income inherent in the exercise of its activity (contributions to the costs of disposals, etc.), interest and royalties, assets and securities that it may own, as well as remuneration for services rendered (research contracts, etc.).
- Any other resources not contrary to the laws in force.

Article 11 - Contributions

The membership fee is set annually by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. It is payable by each member of the Association as soon as the calendar year has begun.

However, if the proposed subscription remains equal to that of the previous year, the Board of Directors may decide on the amount of the subscription and call it from the beginning of the current year.

Article 12 - Budget

The Association's budget comprises the Ordinary Budget covering the overall operating expenses of the Assembly, and the Supplementary Budgets concerning programmes or operations financed by specific resources, in particular funding from the European institutions or transfers from the Ordinary Budget.

The Association shall build up reserves as quickly as possible to an amount equal to the Ordinary Budget to cover operating risks.

Article 13 - Accounting

Daily income and expenditure accounts are kept recording all financial transactions.

Article 14 - Statutory Auditor

If the Association receives public subsidies or collects donations from individuals for an amount more than €153,000 in any one year, a registered auditor must be appointed to certify the accounts.

TITLE 4 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

Article 15 - Ordinary General Assembly

Article 15.1 - Composition and chairmanship

The Ordinary General Assembly comprises all the members of the Association. It is chaired by the President of the Association.

Article 15.2 - Jurisdiction

The Ordinary General Assembly elects the President proposed by the College of Regions and the Vice-President proposed by the College of Producers.

It examines and ratifies the annual activity reports presented by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and, after presentation of the annual report, approves the management of the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer. It decides on the exclusion of any member of the Association.

It deliberates and approves the accounts for the year ended and the provisional budget for the year ahead.

It sets the annual membership fees for the various categories of members. members of AREFLH, on the proposal of the Board of Directors.

Neither the President nor the Treasurer may dispose of AREFLH assets or assume new financial obligations that would compromise the Association's assets, without the prior authorisation of the General Assembly.

Article 15.3 - Notice of meeting

The Ordinary General Assembly meets at least once a year.

Notices of meeting shall be sent by the President of the Association at least thirty days before the meeting date.

Article 15.4 - Voting

Each region has three votes and two proxies for absent regions wishing to vote.

Each APO has one vote and two proxies for APOs wishing to vote who are not present. POs together, as a single group, have one vote.

The members of the College of Observer Regions, Advisors and Experts together, as a single group, have one vote.

The POs, on the one hand, and the members of the College of Observer Regions, Advisors and Experts, on the other hand, must designate, by a majority vote, the representative of the said College who alone has the power to vote at the General Assembly.

The Ordinary General Assembly must be attended by at least half plus one of the members of the Regional and Producers' Colleges in order to deliberate validly. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members present.

By way of exception, when it comes to deciding on the exclusion of a member from the Association, the decisions are taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

At the request of at least a quarter of the members present, votes are taken by secret ballot.

Article 15.5 - Minutes

Deliberations are recorded in minutes, which are submitted for approval at the following meeting. They are recorded in a special register and signed by the President, the Vice-

President and the Secretary General.

Article 16 - Extraordinary General Assembly

The Extraordinary General Assembly has sole authority to decide to amend the Association's Statutes of Association, to dissolve the Association or to take action on exceptional matters likely to change the nature or purpose of the Association.

It is convened by the President or at the request of a quarter of the members who have paid their membership fees. It is convened under the same conditions as the Ordinary General Assembly.

Each region has three votes and two proxies for absent regions wishing to vote.

Each APO has one vote and two proxies for APOs wishing to vote who are not present.

POs together, as a single group, have one vote.

Members of the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts together, as a single group, have one voice.

The POs, on the one hand, and the members of the College of Observer Regions, Advisers and Experts, on the other hand, must designate, by a majority vote, the representative of the said College who alone has the power to vote at the General Assembly.

The Extraordinary General Assembly must be attended by at least half plus one of the member Regions and Producer Organisations or Associations of Producer Organisations. Decisions are taken by an absolute majority of the members present.

Decisions are taken by secret ballot and relate only to the following items mentioned on the agenda.

Article 17 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the Association's governing body. It guides the Association's work and deliberates on its behalf between General Assemblies.

Article 17.1 - Composition

The Board of Directors is made up of a minimum of twelve members and a maximum of sixteen members. The twelve members must include: the President and Vice- President of the association, five members from the College of Regions and five members from the College of Producers.

Each director is assisted by a deputy and may delegate his powers to him.

By decision of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors may be enlarged to 7 members. members of each College maximum.

During their term of office, the President and Vice- President of the Association are not counted among the members representing their original college. If the term of office of the President and/or Vice- President is terminated, the termination of that term of office does not entail the loss of membership of the Board of Directors for the structure from which they originate, and their membership of the Board of Directors continues for that structure for the remainder of their term of office as Director.

Members of the Board of Directors may be natural people or legal entities. If a legal entity is appointed, it must appoint a permanent representative, who must be a natural person, to represent it on the Board of Directors.

The termination of the duties of its permanent representative as a natural person, for whatever reason, does not entail the loss of membership of the Board of Directors for the legal entity concerned. It undertakes to appoint a new representative no later than the Board meeting following the date on which the vacancy is established. Term of office of the new Director expires at the time when the term of office of the previous Directors would normally have

expired.

The members of the College of Producers proposed to sit as members of the Association's Board of Directors must be POs or APOs located in the territory of a member Region of the Association.

Article 17.2 - Election of Directors and term of office

Directors are elected by the Ordinary General Assembly on the recommendation of their respective Colleges, subject to the quotas defined in these Statutes of Association.

The representatives of the legal entity members who have submitted their candidatures to the Executive Committee within the time limit and in accordance with the procedures laid down in the call for applications and who have received an absolute majority of the votes cast in the first ballot shall be elected. The second ballot shall be by relative majority of the votes cast, subject to the quotas laid down in these Statutes of Association.

The term of office for directors is 3 years. It may be renewed.

Article 17.3 - Voting on resolutions

To deliberate validly, at least half of the Directors must be present. Each member has one vote except for the President who has two votes.

Voting is by simple majority.

However, in the case of important issues, if the President or one-third of the members present so request during the meeting, a two-thirds majority may be required for the vote.

If requested by at least a quarter of the members, the vote is held by secret ballot.

The deliberations of the Board of Directors are recorded in a special register, which is kept by and signed by the President and the Secretary General.

Article 17.4 - Notice of meeting

The Board of Directors meets whenever it is convened in writing by its President or at the request of at least one third of its members, whenever the interests of the Association so require and at least once a year.

Except in cases of exceptional urgency, the Board of Directors shall be convened in writing 15 days before the date of its meeting. The notice of meeting shall specify the agenda and, if the agenda includes the election of officers, the names of the candidates.

Article 17.5 – Jurisdiction

In general, the Board of Directors is vested with the most far-reaching powers within the limits of the aims of the Association and within the framework of the resolutions adopted at General Assemblies.

It may carry out all acts and operations permitted by the Association and not reserved to the General Assembly. It decides on the expulsion of members for non-payment of subscriptions.

It supervises the management of the members of the Executive Committee and always has the right to obtain an account of their actions. In the event of serious misconduct, and having been convened for this purpose, it may suspend the members of the Executive Committee by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

In the event of public subsidies or private donations exceeding 153,000 Euros in any one year, the Board of Directors shall appoint, for a period of six years, an Auditor and a Substitute

Auditor, who shall be responsible for the annual certification of the accounts, in accordance with French law no. 66-537 of 24 July 1966.

In an emergency or in cases of force majeure, it may delegate all or part of its powers to The Executive Committee shall report to the Board at its next meeting.

It alone is competent to propose to the General Assembly the exclusion of a member for any act prejudicial to the Association. The member threatened with expulsion shall first be asked to provide written explanations.

Matters relating to the CMO, POs and/or APOs and related decisions, dealt with by the College of Producers, are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Article 17.6 - Transitional structure

At the Constitutive General Assembly, the European Fruit, Vegetable and Horticultural Regions present will become, by right and for one year, members of the provisional Board of Directors.

The latter will elect the Association's President and Vice- President for one year, as well as a Provisional Executive Committee. These bodies will be responsible for preparing the first Ordinary General Assembly, at which the Association will elect its statutory representatives.

Article 18 - The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Article 18.1 - Election of the President of the Association

The President is elected by the General Assembly from among the permanent representatives of the member structures of the College of Regions, for a term of 3 years. This mandate is renewable.

The President is elected by an absolute majority of the members present. If none of the candidates obtains such a majority in the first two rounds of voting, the candidate who obtains the most votes in the second round and those of at least a quarter of the members present shall be declared elected.

Candidates for the presidency must submit their written application to the Executive Committee by the deadlines and in accordance with the procedures set out in the call for applications.

The President of the Association chairs the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. He directs the work and oversees the destiny of the Association, which he represents in court and in all matters of civil life. In the event of impediment, he may delegate all or part of his powers to another member of the Executive Committee.

In the event of force majeure, which would result in the resignation or withdrawal of the President, the Region of which he is the representative will appoint another President, elected until the next General Assembly, which will elect a new President, until the end of his term of office.

Article 18.2 - Election of the Vice- President of the Association

The Vice- President is elected by the General Assembly from among the permanent representatives of the member organisations of the College of Producers, for a 3-year term. He may be re-elected.

Article 18.3 - Election of members of the Executive Committee

The Board of Directors chooses from among the permanent representatives of its directors and for a renewable term of 3 years, a secretary and a treasurer who, together with the

President and the Vice- President, will constitute the Executive Committee.

Article 18.4 - Jurisdiction

The Executive Committee draws up the agenda and prepares the deliberations for meetings of the Board of Directors and General Assemblies. It manages calls for applications.

Article 18.5 - Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for financial management under the supervision of the President. He reports annually to the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the General Assembly. Where an auditor has been appointed, the auditor shall give an opinion on the management of the Association.

The Treasurer prepares the Association's annual budget.

Article 19 - General Secretariat

The Secretary General assists the President and the Board of Directors in the performance of their missions.

The President proposes a Secretary General to the Executive Committee. He may choose this person from outside the representatives of the Association's members.

The President may, under the same conditions, propose to the Executive Committee one or more Deputy General Secretaries to assist the Secretary General.

The Secretary General is responsible for the running of the Association. In this capacity, he is employed by the Association and manages the administrative staff.

He is responsible for correspondence, for sending out notices of meetings. He draws up the minutes of the meetings of both the Board of Directors and the General Assemblies and ensures that they are recorded in the registers provided for this purpose.

It carries out day-to-day financial management under the supervision of the Treasurer.

Article 20 - Technical institutes and bodies

The Association may create or encourage the emergence of institutes and technical bodies that contribute to its objectives.

These institutes and bodies have their own articles of association and internal regulations. The Assembly of European Fruit, Vegetable and Horticultural Regions can defend and apply for any public subsidy to the budget of these institutions within the framework of action programmes of European interest and scope that strengthens international technical cooperation.

TITLE 5 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 21 - Dissolution

Dissolution is pronounced at the request of the Board of Directors by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose.

Article 22 – Devolution of assets

In the event of dissolution, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall appoint one or more Commissioners responsible for liquidating the Association's assets and shall determine their powers.

The remaining net assets shall be allocated to one or more other associations pursuing similar aims, which shall be named by the Extraordinary General Assembly.
Under no circumstances may the members of the Association be allocated any part of the Association's assets other than the return of their contributions.

TITLE 6 FORMALITIES

Article 23 - Internal rules

On a proposal from the Board of Directors, Internal rules are drawn up by the Board of Directors and approved by the Ordinary General Assembly.

If one is drawn up, the Internal rules are intended to set out the various points not provided for in the Statutes of Association, in particular those relating to the practical operation of the Association's activities.

Article 24 - Administrative formalities

The Board of Directors must declare the following to the Registre des Associations at the Préfecture the subsequent terms and conditions set out below:

- Change of name;
- Transfer of the registered office ;
- Amendments to the Statutes of Association ;
- Changes within the Executive Committee;
- Dissolution of the Association.

Ms Simona Caselli
President



Mr Jean-Louis Moulon
Vice-President

