

# EAST-WEST TRANSPORT CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION (EWTCA)

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„EWTCA“ in abbreviated form  
International non-profit Association

## MISSION and STATEMENT

### Mission

We work on the realization of a global Community Framework, sustainable, technology-led, environmental-friendly and future-orientated, to serve - as an example of best practice in - Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility and the Supply Chain. Thus inside Europe and as well, outside Europe globally including EU Eastern Partnership countries.

We work to ensure the best possible Framework and to promote international professional cooperations, Skills and Professionalism in Traffic and Transport and Logistics and Mobility.

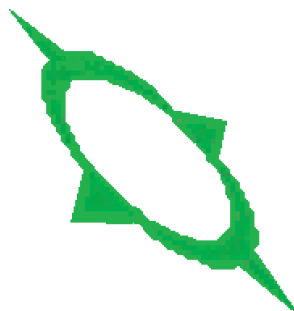
### Association Statement

EWTCA takes a multi-faceted international approach to smart and innovative Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility and Supply Chain Services. Different areas of activities and work, help us to focus best ways and projects to serve our Members and Partners.

Interoperability, Intermodality, new ways of international Trade Flows, smart Technologies – Digitalization and Autonomous Systems, Promotion and Cooperation, „cross-sector“-Platform and contacts with Governmental and Authority bodies, Institutions and Associations. This, as well as Knowledge, Training and practice exchange are examples for what we understand as a need in our activities to serve.

Working also as an innovative „think tank“, EWTCA looks forward for the future of Traffic and Transport and Logistics and Mobility, on Trends, Technologies, special topics and the Security along the entire international Supply Chain.

We are a Partnership Organization. For us, this means fair and respectful interaction at eye level. Understanding for the point of view of everyone is a necessary aspect, especially in the global cooperation, because – everyone is important.



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## STATUTES

### § 1 Name, founding History and Location

The name of the Association is "East-West Transport Corridor Association“ in English Language and “EWTCA”, in abbreviated form. The Association was founded in 2010 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

#### Founding History

During the first two years of operation, the East-West Transport Corridor Association got technical and financial support from the EU Baltic Sea Foundation in the Framework of the EWTCII project initiated and coordinated by Blekinge region (Sweden). Following, the EWTC II was seen by the EU Baltic Sea Strategy, submitted by the European Commission, as a model of green transport corridor, whose successful implementation could serve as an example of best practice in the transport sector across Europe and neighbourhood States.

Now after reorganization and restructuring, the Association is becoming an International non-profitable Association with registration and Headquarter in Vilnius, Lithuania.

#### Location and Financial Year

Registered in Vilnius, Lithuania as an international non-profit Association, subject to and in accordance with the Lithuanian Law, concerning international non-profit-making Associations.

The Registered Office of the Association is established at Plytinės 27, LT-10105 Vilnius, Lithuania  
The Registered Office may be transferred to any other location upon decision of the Executive Committee, provided that the change is promulgated in the annex of an Official Journal and communicated to the Public Service within one month of the decision.

The financial year is the calendar year.

The General Assembly can decide with a simple majority a different financial year, provided that this is in accordance with the laws of the country in which the official seat of the Association is located.

A corresponding amendment must be submitted to the Associations Executive Committee four weeks before the General Assembly as an item on the agenda.

## § 2 Objectives

### 2.1

The objective of the Association is to promote co-operation among Actors, Companies, Institutions, Governmental and Authority bodies and Associations in the field of Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility as well as Science Institutions and Supply Chain Networks. Furthermore the content and goal of Associations Mission and Associations Statement.

### 2.2

Provide assistance and support for Association Members and Association Partners in Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility, Intermodal Transport and modern Technologies, enhance the cooperation with Governmental and Authorities bodies as well as between Science and Economy. The Association will seek to eliminate obstacles in Freight Transportation and will represent common interests of the Association Members and Association Partners at national and international level.

The Association is active in the development of stable and effective cooperation between Companies, Actors and Operators, Consignors and Consignees, Authorities and Science Institutions in relation to the establishment of multifaceted Transport Corridors, which will have the content and the capacity of arranging and handling global trade flows.

Furthermore promotion of the exchange of experience, best practice and information between the Association Members and Association Partners.

### 2.3

Allocation and realization of projects in the field of basic and applied research in Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility and the Design and Set-up of future orientated sustainable and stable Supply Chains. Also – on request – projects initiated by non-membership national Associations can be coordinated by the EWTC Association.

### 2.4

Organisation and realization of events, exhibition and congresses, which will benefit the objectives of the Association.

### 2.5

Support of trainings and workshops as well as activities designed to advance the practice of Traffic and Transport, Logistics and Mobility and related areas profession.

### 2.6

Being active for the development of guidelines and recommendations, to establish higher standards in Traffic and Transport and Logistics and Mobility.

### 2.7

Representation of the interests of Traffic and Transport and Logistics and Mobility Professionals.

## § 3 Membership

There are three categories of EWTC Association membership:

### 3.1

#### Full Members

Full Members are Companies, commercial and non-commercial Institutions, Associations and Organizations which represent individual or corporate members in Traffic and Transport and Logistics and Mobility.

A proposal for full membership can be made by any natural person or a representative of an applying body, filling out the "Full Membership Application Form" and send this to the Secretary Office of the Association or handover to a Member of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary will put the application on the agenda of the next Executive Committee Meeting where it will be discussed and made a decision for acceptance of new Member. In case of a tie, the President has a decisive vote.

The accepted new Member will be informed by the Secretary Office which is also involved to realize / collect the first Membership fee.

The General Assembly will be informed by the Executive Committee about new Memberships at the following Annual General Meeting.

### 3.2

#### Affiliates and Partners

Affiliates and Partners are Organizations with whom the EWTC Association has reciprocal arrangements, for the exchange of activities, informations, educational work or other interests.

The application for Affiliates and Partners must indicate the proposed reciprocal arrangements between the Association and the Association / Institution applying. Such arrangements must be laid down in writing and signed by the Secretary General of the Association and the President / Secretary of the Association / Institution applying.

Proposals will be considered by the Executive Committee as a formal Agenda Item. They judge the application against the criteria in the Statutes for Affiliates. Voting decision is reached by simple majority of the Executive Committee.

The accepted new Member will be informed by the Secretary Office. Due to the arrangement there will be a membership fee or not. Regularwise no membership fee will be collected.

### 3.3

#### Honorary Members

Honorary Members are Persons or Organizations who have made an exceptional contribution to the development of the EWTC Association.

Proposals for Honorary Members are made by any person of the Executive Committee, but can be also done by regular Members to the Executive Committee, stating the reasons for the nomination.

The proposal is to be submitted to the Secretary Office in written version and transferred to the Executive Committee. The Secretary General put the proposal on the agenda of the next Executive

Committee Meeting where it will be discussed and made a decision for acceptance of new Honorary Member. In case of a tie the President has a decisive vote.

If the new Honorary Member is accepted the Secretary Office will prepare a certificate, which the President will present to the new Honorary Member.

### 3.4

#### Membership resignation or exclusion

Members of the Associations can resign by giving written notice mailed by registered letter.

It can be terminated with a notice period of three months to the end of the following quarter.

Members can be excluded from the Association by a resolution of the Executive Committee or by a resolution of the General Assembly with a simple majority.

The Member will be informed about the exclusion process. The Member can object to the exclusion. The contradiction must be justified. The Executive Committee will examine the objection and makes a last decision.

### 3.5

#### Membership fee

The Executive Committee will review Membership fees annually as part of the Associations budgetary process and propose necessary changes for the approval of the General Assembly.

Single Person			E	150,00
Companies / Organizations	up to 3 employees or max.	E 600 thousand turnover	E	250,00
	up to 10 employees or max.	E 2 million turnover	E	500,00
	up to 50 employees or max.	E 10 million turnover	E	1,000,00
	up to 100 employees or max.	E 20 million turnover	E	1,500,00
	up to 250 employees or max.	E 50 million turnover	E	2,000,00
	up to 500 employees or max.	E 75 million turnover	E	2,500,00

Other Companies / Organizations according to the decision of the Executive Committee

All Membership fee plus Lithuanian State VAT ???  
except of Foreign Companies with VAT-ID ???

## § 4 EWTC Association Structure

The General Assembly

The Board called „Executive Committee“

with the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General,  
the Treasurer and six Executive Committee Members

Operational Groups / Working Groups

### 4.1

#### The General Assembly

is the supreme authority of the Association and consists of all the Members. It is chaired by the President of the Association, in his absence by the two Vice-Presidents.

The General Assembly meet not less than one time a year – the General Assembly Meeting.

The Association officially invites to the General Assembly Meeting through the Secretary General. The official invitation is given six weeks before the planned Meeting and includes the planned Agenda as well as the Location, Day and Time of the Meeting.

The invitation can be sent by post or electronically by email.

Confirmation of participation or a cancellation must generally be made within 14 days of the day of dispatch.

Confirmation of participation or cancellation can be made by post or electronically by email.

If the session has to be canceled due to unforeseeable reasons, the invited participants will be informed by email.

Participation in the General Assembly Meeting is also possible by Video Conference.

The properly convened General Assembly is quorate regardless of the number of Members which are directly (or by Video Conference) be present.

Decisions of the General Assembly Meeting require approval with a simple majority of the votes of the participating Members of the Association.

Powers and competence of the General Assembly

The Annual General Assembly, chaired by the President, will:

- accept the Minutes of the previous General Assembly Meeting and deal with any matters arising;
- discuss and approve the Accounts and the Balance Sheet presented on behalf of the Executive Committee by the Treasurer
- after hearing the appointed Auditors' report, give discharge to the Treasurer and the Executive Committee from their responsibility
- discuss and approve the Budget for the following year presented on behalf of the Executive Committee by the Treasurer
- agree the level of membership subscriptions for the following year, recommended by the Executive Committee
- appoint two Auditors (one Auditor company)
- discuss and approve the Annual Report submitted by the President and the Secretary General
- carry out elections
- deal with any other Business. Questions, Topics

The decisions of the General Assembly Meeting will be placed on the records by the Secretary General and distributed to the Members of the Association.

Voting rights

- . Each „Full Member“ (with fully paid-up status) is entitled to one vote at the General Assembly Meeting.
- „Affiliates and Partners“ as well as „Honorary Members“ have the right to participate in discussions but have no voting rights.

Members who are entitled to vote can be represented in the General Assembly by granting a power of attorney.

The power of attorney must be issued in writing and must be submitted to the Secretary General

at least one week before the General Assembly. In exceptional cases, the power of attorney can be submitted to the Executive Committee before the start of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee publishes the authorization.

#### Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting

Full Members have the right to request an extraordinary General Assembly Meeting.

The application must - in particular - be supported by a minimum of 10% (ten percent) of all Full Members and must include the reason for the application.

The application must be submitted in written form to the Executive Committee – in person, to the Secretary General.

The Executive Committee reviews the application and the completeness of the votes cast. If the conditions are correct it calls an extraordinary General Assembly Meeting. The only item on the agenda for the extraordinary General Assembly Meeting is the content of the reasons given by the applicants.

The members of the Executive Committee are not entitled to vote for or against the application.

#### 4.2

The Board - called „Executive Committee“

It consists of:

- a) The President of the Association
- b) Two Vice-Presidents
- c) The Secretary General
- d) The Treasurer
- e) Six Executive Board Members

consisting in total 11 members.

These eleven Members constitute the executive core of the Association.

The Executive Committee meet not less than 2 times a year. ideally / if possible in spring and autumn.

The Association officially invites to the Executive Committee Meeting through the Secretary General.

The invitation is given four weeks before the planned Meeting and includes the planned Agenda as well as the Location, Day and Time of the Meeting.

The invitation can be sent by post or electronically by email.

Confirmation of participation or a cancellation must generally be made within 14 days of the day of dispatch to the Secretary General.

Confirmation of participation or cancellation can be made by post or electronically by email.

If the session has to be canceled due to unforeseeable reasons, the invited participants will be informed by email.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of the Strategy of the Association, the execution of its decisions and the Financial Affairs of the Association.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the judicial or extrajudicial representation of the Association usually the President together with the Secretary General. In exceptional cases, additional Members of the Executive Committee can be appointed, especially for judicial representation.

The Executive Committee reports in written form to the General Assembly min. one time a year, with the „Association Report“ by the President during the General Assembly Meeting.

The President, Secretary General and Treasurer are proposed by name to the General Assembly by President, Executive Committee or a single „Full Member“.

They are elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority of all present „Full Members“ of the General Assembly for a period of two years. Reelection is permitted.

Participation in the General Assembly Meeting and participation in an Election is also possible by Video Conference.

The other eight Members of the Executive Committee are proposed to the General Assembly by President, Executive Committee or a single „Full Member“ and are elected by it with a simple majority of the present „Full Members“ for a period of two years. Reelection is possible.

Participation in the General Assembly Meeting and participation in the Election is also possible by Video Conference.

The newly elected Executive Committee elects two Vice-Presidents from among its own ranks.

The President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer as well as the other eight members of the Executive Committee work on a voluntary basis, which means that they do not receive any remuneration for their work.

They are entitled for a reimbursement of their expenses such as travel expenses, fees or other expenses in connection with their work for the Association. All projects that lead to expenses must be submitted to the Executive Committee before the start of the projects and require approval with a simple majority of the votes of the Executive Committee. In exceptional cases or in certain individual cases, approval can be given by a joint vote of the President, General Secretary and Treasurer.

Resignation of a Member of the Executive Committee.

Due to the situation that the position is voluntary, the Member may withdraw at any time and does not have to give any reasons.

The Resignation can be by Voice in a General Assembly Meeting or an Executive Committee Meeting or by registered mail to the Executive Committee under the address of the Association's Headquarter.

#### 4.3

The President of the Association

The President of the EWTC Association is the highest Representative of the Association.

The President is elected by the General Assembly (for details see 4.2) for a period of two years.



Reelection is possible.

The President represents the Association, builds connections and networks and maintains them. His duties also include the Initiation of Projects (the chair or patronage of which he or she may or may not take over), the Media and Press work and the establishment and maintenance of contacts with Governmental and Authority bodies, Institutions, Organizations and Associations.

The President is chair of the General Assembly Meeting.

The President is Member of and chair of the Executive Committee.

How the President performs and carries out his tasks is decided in an exchange with the Executive Committee. Basically he is independent in his decisions and not bound by Instructions, as long as he supports and strengthens the Association with his actions.

The President's role is outside the daily work of the Association.

This is managed by the Executive Committee - the Secretary General and the Treasurer with support and assistance by all other Members of the Executive Committee.

#### New Election

After a period of 18 month from last President's election, a new election should be prepared by the Executive Committee, ideally six Month before next General Assembly Meeting.

#### Resignation of the President.

The President may withdraw at any time and does not have to give any reasons.

#### Interim Presidency.

From the day of the President's personal Resignation or Resignation for other reasons, the two Vice-Presidents jointly take over the Presidency until a new President is elected.

An extraordinary General Assembly Meeting can be called to elect a new President.

The Executive Committee can make such decision by voting with a single majority.

Alternatively, the two Vice-Presidents lead the Association until the next General Assembly Meeting and start preparations for the election of a new President.

#### 4.4

##### The Secretary General

The Secretary General leads the Organization and Administration of the Association and the Secretary Office which carries out the day-to-day business of the Association.

He represents the President in tasks related to Government Agencies and Authorities, Associations, Institutions and Organizations.

He prepares the planning and templates for the Executive Committee.

The Secretary General is member of the Executive Committee

#### 4.5

##### The Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for all Finance belongings and questions of Finance of the Association. The Treasurer is responsible for the Financial Budget of the Association. He prepares an Annual Budget for the Association, monitors the membership fees and controls Association expenses.

He has the right to object to all of the Association's submissions and decisions in all matters and transactions affecting the Financial Budget. Appeals by the Treasurer can only be rejected by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee and must therefore be discussed again and passed again.

The Treasurer must prepare Accounts and Balance and transfer it on request to the appointed Auditors and must be ready for questions and explanations to the appointed Auditors. President and Treasurer are the contact Persons in relation to the Lithuanian States Fiscal Office.

The Treasurer is member of the Executive Committee.

#### 4.6

Operational and other Working Groups

Operational and Working Groups may be established by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary to realise the objectives of the Association.

All Operational and Working Groups report to the Executive Committee who also may authorise the publication of their work results.

Operational and Working Groups are established permanently (long time planning) or from time to time to deal with specific subjects or for networking purposes.

The Heads of the Operational and Working Groups, are appointed by the Executive Committee.

The Members of the Operational and Working Groups should be Members of the Association. Exceptionally it is allowed that also non-Association Members with necessary experience and / or excellence in selected matters can become Group members. This as long as this Group is working / be active.

#### § 5 Alteration of the Statutes

The General Assembly only is authorised to change the Statutes of the Association. Any such change must be agreed by a two-thirds majority of „Full Members“.

Any proposal to amend the Statutes must be made in written form to the Secretary General at least six weeks before the date of the General Assembly Meeting. Any modification to statutory subject-matters, must be recorded before Notary. The content of the desired modification must not violate applicable law and / or endanger the non-profit character of the Association.

#### § 6 Dissolution of the Association

The General Assembly only is decided about a dissolution of the Association.

A General Assembly Meeting must be called with an Agenda showing the topic „Dissolution of the Association“. Two thirds of all Full Members should be present or represented.

The resolution for dissolution must be carried out by two thirds of the number of present votes.

In case of dissolution of the Association, the President will be the Liquidator.

Any remaining funds of the Association may be disposed of by transferring the funds as a donation to a Scientific Foundation and / or a non-profit Social Institution at the discretion of the President.