

INTERNAL RULES of the Cévennes 2050 Association

Unofficial translation — the French version is authoritative

1. VALUES

The association upholds values of cooperation and solidarity.

It seeks to preserve a high-quality relationship between its members and external individuals through listening and empathy.

2. EXCLUSION

Exclusion from the association may be decided in the following cases:

- Violent or insulting behaviour
- Acts harmful to the association
- Gender, racial, social, physical or religious discrimination
- Fundamental disagreement with the objectives of the association
- Abusive use of the association's resources

3. ORGANISATION *

Collegial Board

Its role: The board is the legal representative of the association. Each member commits their responsibility in the actions of the association. It guarantees sound financial management and respect for the values of the association.

Its members: Formed by the elected co-presidents. There are between 7 and 10 members.

Eligibility: Members elected by the members at the general assembly for a renewable 3-year term. A member may resign at any time and will be replaced at the next General Assembly.

Exclusion: A member may be excluded if, without valid excuse, they are absent from 2 consecutive meetings.

Steering Committee (CoPil)

Its role: Main decision-making assembly of the association, it meets once a month in person. Working groups report problems, needs, proposals and information on ongoing actions to it. It takes decisions that engage the image of the association, links with partners and public authorities, and financial expenditure.

Its members: The CoPil is composed of the members of the board, plus one or two referents from each commission/working group. Outside persons may be invited to the CoPil to enrich the reflection but will have no decision-making power. It is composed of 15 persons maximum.

The CoPil may decide to exclude one of its members if the latter infringes the internal rules or if their behaviour seriously destabilises the proper functioning of the CoPil.

Quorum: A minimum of 10 persons is required for the meeting to take place. For CoPil decisions to be validated, a quorum of 5 board members must be respected. Absent board members may be represented by other board members to reach the quorum. Ideally, these members rotate at each CoPil.

Participation in the CoPil may take place by video conference if needed.

Eligibility: All commission referents may be members of the CoPil.

Methodology: Participants will have read the agenda no later than one week before the CoPil. This allows reflection in advance on the various subjects and clarification, if necessary, of the information.

The preparation of the agenda is done in pairs; it prioritises the subjects to be addressed and evaluates the duration.

Course of meeting: Welcome / mood check / designation of three persons for: note-taking, animation and facilitation. Reminder of the agenda by the animator / expression, analysis, deliberation, implementation / meeting review / choice of guidelines for the next agenda, the pair preparing it, and the date of the next meeting.

Decision-making: By consensus (everyone agrees), more often by consent (no objection). Exceptionally, in the case of an urgent decision to be made, the board members may decide to opt for a two-thirds vote.

Rules of benevolence: Respect the speech of others and ensure its fair distribution. Try to be concise and avoid digressions. Different points of view and disagreements are expressed calmly; they may require reformulation or deeper definition. They are the expression of the "biodiversity" of the group and offer a broader vision.

Commissions

Their role: Commissions are autonomous working groups on specific themes previously validated in CoPil. They meet at regular intervals, at the dates and frequency they wish.

They regularly report on the progress of their work to the CoPil, in digital form or physically via the referents.

The commissions concretely implement their objectives on the ground.

Their members: The number of members may vary according to needs.

Eligibility: They are composed of members of the association up to date with their dues.

Referents

One or two referents maximum per commission, ideally a parity pair.

Their role: They are responsible for reporting on the activity of their commission to the CoPil. If the referents wish, they may participate in decisions concerning their commission at the CoPil.

Their members: The members of each commission choose their own referents. They must be able to summarise the progress of their commission, and to report their needs and problems to the CoPil.

Eligibility: They are members of the association up to date with their dues. In the event of departure of a referent, this person must ensure continuity of their work by organising a handover to bring out a new referent within their commission.

* The operation will be subject to new adaptations according to the evolution of the association.

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