

## **Explanatory note on the content of amendments to the Statutes**

A new Companies and Associations Code (adopted on 23 March 2019) came into force in Belgium on 1 May 2020. The necessary adaptations to the Statutes must be made **by the end of 2023**.

In order to comply with the Code, APEEE Services began a process of compliance with the guidance of a law firm and the revision of certain articles, shortly after they came into force in our Statutes.

A first version of the Statutes was proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 8 June 2021. Following discussions on certain articles relating to the operation of the association, it was decided to set up a working group on Statutes with volunteer members of APEEE Services. A call for applications was launched in September 2021 to set up the group. Following the in-depth work on certain articles, carried out by the Statutes group, the proposal validated by the Board is proposed to you.

The proposed new text takes into account both the technical and linguistic aspects of the new code, and the functional and procedural aspects of certain articles, such as :

- Procedure for attending the AGM (article 14)
- Proxy procedures (article 15)
- Creation of the post of Vice-President (article 16)
- Procedures for third parties to acquaint themselves with the association's documents (article 19)
- The number of Board members and the procedure for requesting candidates: to date, the Board has not had a set number of members (article 20)
- Procedure for adopting the internal regulations (article 28)
- Allocation of assets in the event of dissolution (article 32)