



Western Balkans Alumni Association

**1st General
Assembly**

*15-16 March 2019
MAK Hotel, Tirana, Albania*





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- advocate for modernization and improve the quality of higher education in the region
- empower young people of the Western Balkans on their academic and career development towards successful employment
- to strengthen regional exchange, collaboration and integration
- to support the regions efforts towards European integration

WBAA

WBAA is an Alumni Association based on the principles of democracy, cohesion, solidarity and equality among the students and alumni of the Western Balkans region, i.e. the following countries (*alphabetically*):

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo*
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia

WBAA is a neutral, unbiased and nonpartisan in the existing political discourse.

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

Confirmation of statute



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Statute

Article 5: Membership Criteria

Member of WBAA can be an individual who

- 1. is a citizen of a Western Balkans Country, and*
- 2. is/was beneficiary of any schemes/actions funded by the EC that enabled international mobility, or*
- 3. is/was beneficiary of an Erasmus programme country that enabled international mobility.*

Citizens of a Western Balkans Country, who gathered mobility experience in an Erasmus programme country.

Article 6 MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES

An individual can become member of WBAA by applying online. Acceptance of members will be granted by WBAA according to the above-mentioned membership criteria.

The regional board can adopt a specific procedure for the application procedure as well as to mandate the Service Provider with this task.



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Article 7 RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

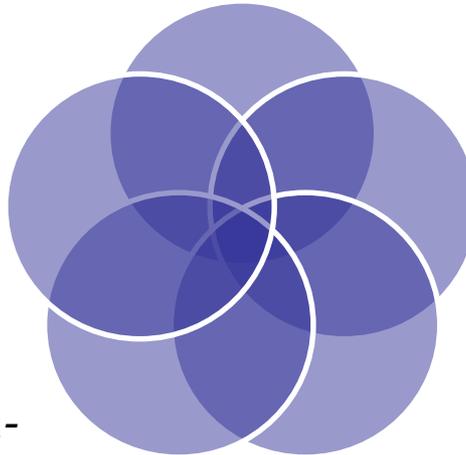


Article 10 STRUCTURE OF ASSOCIATION

*WBAA structure
shall have the
following
bodies:*

*4. The
National
Chapters*

*3. The WBAA-
Teams*



*1. The
General
Assembly*

*2. The
Regional
Board*



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Article 11 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA meets once per year, unless defined otherwise. Details about the meeting (location, date, time) shall be given to each WBAA member at least two (2) months and the agenda three (3) weeks in advance. The GA is prepared and chaired by the Regional Board. The Regional Board can delegate this role.

At all GA meetings each WBAA member shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon every matter raised. All voting processes shall be done publicly, if not decided otherwise. All decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority. Each WBAA member can propose amendments to matters discussed in the meeting.



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Article 12 MANDATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Adopt the GA meeting agenda;

2. Ceremony of Confirmation the members for the Regional Board delegated by the national chapters

3. Mandate the Teams and appoint their chairs (and vice-chairs)

4. Adopt the Statute and/or other relevant legal documents of WBAA as well as the amendments in these documents; Adopt the Annual Working Report of the past year presented by the WBAA Board;

5. Adopt the Strategic Priorities and the Annual Working Plan for the upcoming year of WBAA, presented by the Regional Board;

6. Consider complaints and suggestions raised by any of WBAA bodies or members;

7. Adopt additional decisions of relevance to WBAA and in accordance with the Statute;



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Article 14 THE REGIONAL BOARD

The RB consists of twelve (12) members (two (2) Representatives from each of six (6) participating countries. The Members of the RB are confirmed at the GA meeting. They serve a mandate of two (2) years. They can be re-elected for another mandate, after which they cannot be delegated again.





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Article 15 MANDATE OF THE REGIONAL BOARD

1. Represent the WBAA in public and during events;

2. Manage strategic and other relevant activities of WBAA between two General Assembly Meetings;

3. Ensure logistical support for strategic, operational and financial plans of WBAA;

4. Conclude and terminate agreements on collaboration with external partners of WBAA;

5. Present a report on the national/regional activities at every meeting of the Board;

6. Convene the General Assembly Meeting;

7. Prepare and present the following documents at the GA meeting:

a. Internal regulations required for the functioning of WBAA;

b. The Annual Working Plan of WBAA;

c. The Annual Working Report of WBAA;

8. Mandate WBAA-TEAMS and delegate special tasks to them;

9. Appoint a rapporteur out of the regional board for every WBAA-TEAM;

10. Decide on which WBAA-TEAMS or which tasks should be specifically supported;

11. Execute other tasks as defined in this Statute or by the General Assembly.



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Article 16 WBAA-TEAMS

To support and unburden the Regional Board and to make best use out of the excellence and expertise the WBAA members have, so called WBAA-TEAMS, will be established to support the associations' work.

The WBAA-TEAMS will be clearly mandated and dedicated to specific tasks and topics which has to be covered by WBAA for its flourishing.

The WBAA-TEAMS should be mandated by the General Assembly and supervised by the Regional Board. Specifics will be defined in the internal rules and procedures.



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Article 17 THE NATIONAL CHAPTER

Each National Chapter is a self-regulative body which organizes itself according to the national framework and context. The organisation must be in line with the general principles of WBAA specifically transparent and democratic.

The Regional Board can set standards for the organisation and elections of national chapters.