

STATUTES OF THE "Alpine Initiative"

Association "for the protection of the Alpine region from transit traffic"

Art. 1 – Name and registered office

The "Alpine Initiative" is an association under Art. 60ff of the Swiss Civil Code. The Association's registered office is in Brig VS (Switzerland).

Art. 2 – Aim

The Association aims to protect the Alpine region from the negative effects of transit traffic and preserve it as living space.

Art. 3 – Means

To achieve these goals

- the Association strives towards a rapid implementation of Article 84 and Article 196 (1st transitional provision) of the Swiss Federal Constitution,
- issues information on transit traffic and its effects on mountain regions,
- participates, wherever possible, in initiatives against transalpine transit traffic on roads,
- the Association co-operates with persons and organisations in Switzerland and abroad who are fighting the flood of transit traffic,
- the Association supports activities to preserve the Alpine region as a living space

Art. 4 – Bodies

The bodies of the Association are:

- the General Meeting
- the Board
- the Alpine Council
- the auditors

Art. 5 – General Meeting

a) Responsibilities

The General Meeting is the highest body of the Association and takes all fundamental decisions. It decides, in particular, on

- changes to the statutes
- the level of membership fees
- the exclusion of members
- the dissolution of the Association
- guidelines
- the launching of popular initiatives

It approves

- the annual report
- the annual accounts

It elects

- the members of the Executive Committee and the other members of the Board
- the members of the Alpine Council
- the auditor

The General Meeting only discusses business that is on the agenda. Requests for additional agenda items can be made to the Board no later than one month before the meeting.

b) Convocation

The General Meeting meets at least once a year. Ten percent of the members can ask for an extraordinary general meeting to be convened.

c) Voting

Resolutions are passed by a simple majority. Changes to the statutes and the dissolution of the Association require a two-thirds majority. Both individuals and legal entities have one vote each at the General Meeting.

Art. 6 – Board (BD)

a) Responsibilities

The Board clearly defines the fundamental decisions of the General Meeting. In particular, it decides on

- the annual programme
- the financial plan and budget
- the launching or support of referendums
- the support of popular initiatives
- membership of other organisations
- major actions
- the pursuance of EPA/NCHA appeals
- strategies and regulations
- the organisational chart

the Board elects the Association's Management Committee.

b) Composition

The Board comprises seven to nine members, if possible from all regions of Switzerland.

Art. 7 – Alpine Council (AC)

a) Responsibilities

The Alpine Council advises the Board as regards the Association's strategy and focus. Via its network of contacts, it supports the Association in its activities, in particular as regards its role as part of a political movement.

As a rule, it meets with the Board twice a year, and meets it for a whole day once a year. It can form working groups that report back to the Alpine Council.

b) Composition

The Alpine Council comprises at least 11 members, in particular activists from the regions and representatives of similar organisations.

The meetings are chaired by a member of the Executive Committee.

c) Voting

Members of the Association can participate in meetings of the Alpine Council in an advisory capacity.

Art. 8 – Management Committee

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the decisions made by the Association's bodies, and for the management of the secretariat. Its responsibilities and tasks are regulated in the organisational chart (OC).

Art. 9 – Auditor

The auditor reviews the Association's accounts at least once a year and reports to the General Meeting.

Art. 10 – Membership

Any individual or legal entity that agrees with the goals and pays a yearly membership fee can become a member of the Association. Members can be excluded without any reason being given.

Art. 11 – Use of net proceeds and assets

Any net proceeds may not be distributed. If the Association is dissolved, its assets are to be transferred to a non-profit institution with similar goals.

Art. 12 – Liability

The Association's liability shall be limited to the extent of its assets. All personal liability is excluded.

The present statutes were adopted at the inaugural meeting on 25 February 1989. The latest revision was adopted at the General Meeting on 4 May 2013.

The original version in German is authoritative.