

# Articles of Association - Effective Altruism Switzerland (EACH)

## Article 1: Name and Seat

<sup>1</sup> Under the name of «Effective Altruism Switzerland (EACH)» (abbreviated as EACH), there exists a club within the meaning of Article 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

<sup>2</sup> The club is seated in Basel, Switzerland.

## Article 2: Purpose

<sup>1</sup> EACH aims to improve the world as much as possible. Its core value consists in reducing and preventing involuntary suffering.

<sup>2</sup> To pursue this goal, EACH can enter into partnerships with effective charities and support them financially.

<sup>3</sup> EACH's main charity partner is the club *GBS Schweiz*. EACH is a support association for *GBS Schweiz*.

<sup>4</sup> EACH uses philosophy and science to determine the meaning of a better world and rationality to achieve its goals in the most cost-effective way.

<sup>5</sup> EACH pursues no commercial interests and seeks no profit. EACH is a non-profit organization.

## Article 3: Membership

<sup>1</sup> Club membership is open to all natural persons that share the club's goal and approach with reference to article 2.

<sup>2</sup> Club membership has to be applied for in written form and can be approved or declined by the Board of Directors without stating reasons.

<sup>3</sup> Members can resign from the club at any time with a written notice to the Managing Director. Club membership expires upon resignation, exclusion or death.

<sup>4</sup> The General Assembly can approve a proposal to exclude a member with a 2/3 majority.

## Article 4: Bodies

<sup>1</sup> The bodies of EACH are

- the General Assembly,
- the Board of Directors,
- and the Auditor.

## Article 5: General Assembly

<sup>1</sup> The General Assembly is the highest body of the club and is convened annually by the Managing Director.

<sup>2</sup> An extraordinary General Assembly can be convened by any member of the Board of Directors or it can be demanded by one fifth of the club members in written form.

<sup>3</sup> The date of the General Assembly has to be announced one month in advance of its conducting.

<sup>4</sup> Members can submit proposals to the Managing Director until two weeks before the General Assembly.



<sup>5</sup> The Managing Director sends the agenda one week before the General Assembly to all the members.

<sup>6</sup> The General Assembly can only vote on agenda items. Every present member has a single vote.

<sup>7</sup> Unless specified differently by these articles of association, elections and approvals require an absolute majority (i.e. more than one half of all the votes, including invalid and empty votes). In case none of the options subject to vote receive the required majority, a run-off vote is held between the two options that have received the most votes.

<sup>8</sup> All club members may request to speak at the General Assembly without prior notice.

<sup>9</sup> Among the tasks of the General Assembly are:

- Approval of the report and the budget,
- Election of the Board of Directors,
- Election of the Auditor,
- Setting the membership fees,
- Resolutions on other proposals,
- Amendments to these articles of association.

### Article 6: Board of Directors

<sup>1</sup> The Board of Directors consists of

- one or more Executive Directors representing the club,
- the Managing Director conducting the club's affairs,
- one or more Deputy Directors assisting the Managing Director.

<sup>2</sup> The members of the Board of Directors are elected at every ordinary General Assembly. The Board of Directors can elect board members ad interim which have to be confirmed by the next ordinary General Assembly.

<sup>3</sup> The Board of Directors supervises the bodies and can recall them at any time. It decides on club membership approvals and exclusions.

<sup>4</sup> The Board of Directors can establish permanent departments and appoint their heads.

<sup>5</sup> The Board of Directors can employ people to fulfill the tasks of the club.

<sup>6</sup> The Board of Directors can approve other clubs as organizations affiliated with the club.

<sup>7</sup> The Board of Directors can decide on all issues which are not assigned to any other body of the club.

<sup>8</sup> Members of the Board of Directors work on a voluntary basis but can be compensated for their efforts and expenses as approved by the General Assembly.

### Article 7: Auditor

<sup>1</sup> Auditing is done by a member who does not belong to the Board of Directors or by an external Auditor.

<sup>2</sup> The Auditor is elected at every ordinary General Assembly.

### Article 8: Financing and Liability

<sup>1</sup> The club is funded by membership fees, donations, and income from activities.

<sup>2</sup> The membership fees are determined by the General Assembly.

<sup>3</sup> An accounting period corresponds to a calendar year.

<sup>4</sup> Liabilities of EACH are solely covered by the club's assets.

<sup>5</sup> Each member of the Board of Directors can sign on behalf of the club.

**Article 9: Dissolution**

<sup>1</sup> The club can be dissolved by a 2/3 majority at the General Assembly if duly scheduled in the agenda.

<sup>2</sup> If EACH is dissolved, any outstanding balance after the elimination of all debts will be donated to the tax-exempt non-profit organization seated in Switzerland whose goals most closely resemble those of EACH, as determined by the Board of Directors at the time of dissolution.

**Article 10: Articles of association**

<sup>1</sup> Amendments to EACH's articles of association require a 2/3 majority at the General Assembly.

<sup>2</sup> The articles of association were approved by the General Assembly on 21 March 2015 and become effective immediately. They replace the constitution from 16 February 2014.

Basel, 21 March 2015


For the General Assembly,



Jonas Vollmer, Managing Director



Sara Savona, Co-President



Micha Eichmann, Co-President