



## COMMITMENT AGREEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN GREEN SCHOOLS COUNCIL

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Art. 1. (1) THE EUROPEAN GREEN SCHOOLS COUNCIL**, hereinafter referred to as "**EGSC**", is a non-governmental, non-profit, apolitical and independent educational association/committee, with public benefit, established under European legislation.

**(2)** The founding organizations of the **EGSC** are: Colegiul Național Spiru Haret Tecuci (Romania), Nachalno Tsani Ginchev Lyaskovets (Bulgaria), Pakruojis "Žemyna" progymnasium (Lithuania), Özel Filiz Okulları Edirne (Türkiye) and Mine Vaganti NGO Sassari (Italy).

**Art. 2. EGSC** is established for an indefinite period and has its headquarters in Tecuci, Bd. Victoriei no. 12, Galati county, Romania. The headquarters can be moved to any other place, based on the decision of the Board of Directors, in compliance with the legal provisions.

**Art. 3. EGSC** can enter into unions or federations, with other institutions and legal entities in Europe (including Türkiye), to fulfill the proposed purpose.

### CHAPTER 2. THE PURPOSE

**Art. 4. (1) EGSC** members wish to associate in order to promote green buildings, ecological values and a healthy lifestyle.

**(2)** The objectives of the **EGSC** are to increase the level of ecological culture, to increase the interest in the construction of green buildings and to attract as many people as possible to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

**(3)** In order to fulfill its objectives, the **EGSC** proposes to carry out the following activities:

- organizing training courses, seminars, conferences, public debates, camps, summer schools, educational and sports competitions;
- organizing public demonstrations and other activities to raise awareness of public opinion, according to the law;
- the organization of monitoring activities, development of green buildings, greening, afforestation, collection of recyclable waste, in accordance with the law;
- creating, editing and disseminating books, periodicals, leaflets, posters, brochures, computer programs and other informative materials;
- identifying and materially supporting, by awarding scholarships, people capable of performance, for carrying out studies in the ecological field and/or for a healthy lifestyle;



- f. monitoring and supporting the activities of public authorities, natural and legal persons through specific advocacy procedures, if these activities are similar to those carried out by **EGSC**;
- g. development of own programs/projects and in partnership with public authorities, natural and legal persons in Europe;
- h. carrying out sponsorship/patronage activities, if applicable;
- i. promoting the image, objectives and activities of **EGSC**, through media sources - radio, television, internet, etc. - respecting the laws;
- j. other activities that contribute to the achievement of **EGSC**'s purpose and that do not contravene the legal order.

### CHAPTER 3. THE INITIAL ESTATE

**Art. 5.** This educational association operates without patrimonial assets. All expenses incurred within this Council are self-financed.

### CHAPTER 4. MEMBERS

**Art. 6. (1)** Schools and legal entities in Europe who support it morally and/or materially and who have carried out or are carrying out activities/projects in the field of green buildings, ecology and healthy lifestyle (at least 2 activities/programs in the last 5 years) can become members of **EGSC**;

**(2)** Members can be:

- a. Founding members - who acquired membership at the time of the **EGSC**'s establishment..
- b. Associate members - who will acquire this quality following the submission of an application for membership to the General Assembly, empowered to decide on the admission of new members. The application for membership will be formulated in the form of an adhesion, according to **Annex 1** and will be accompanied by the supporting documents specified in this annex. In case of refusal, the Assembly is not obliged to give reasons for its decision.
- c. Honorary members – who acquire this quality at the proposal of the General Assembly and with the approval of the Board of Directors, following special services rendered to the Association. Honorary members do not have the right to vote in the General Assembly.

**Art. 7.** Membership is lost by:

- a. termination of the existence of the school/legal entity;
- b. the number of activities/projects in the field of green buildings, ecology and healthy lifestyle in the last 5 years are less than 2;
- b. renunciation of membership, addressed in writing to the President of the Association;
- c. exclusion decided by the General Assembly for non-compliance with this agreement, or for any other reason likely to harm the moral or material interests of **EGSC**.

### CHAPTER 5. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF EGSC MEMBERS

**Art. 8.** **EGSC** members have the following rights:

- a. to participate in the General Assemblies, to discuss and take part in the debate of the issues that interest the field or the good running of the **EGSC**;
- b. to elect and be elected to the governing bodies of the **EGSC**;
- c. to signal to the **EGSC** the issues concerning the assumed purpose and objectives, in order to promote and defend them;
- d. to withdraw from the **EGSC**;
- e. to cast their vote, if applicable;
- f. to make proposals regarding the activity of the **EGSC** and the activity of the governing bodies;





g. to receive moral support and assistance from **EGSC** in exceptional cases (accidents, fires, other natural cataclysms).

**Art. 9.** The members of the **EGSC** Association have the following duties:

- a. to respect the Commitment Agreement, the internal regulations, the decisions of the governing bodies of the **EGSC** and to give all the support for the fulfillment of its objectives;
- b. not to cause moral and material damage to **EGSC**;
- c. to participate in general meetings and/or meetings of the Board of Directors, as the case may be;
- d. to morally support **EGSC**;

**Art. 10. (1)** **EGSC** members are not individually responsible for its acts or deeds. **EGSC** alone is responsible for damages caused to third parties by its acts or deeds.

**(2)** In terms of management, the responsibility rests with the members of the Board of Directors.

## CHAPTER 6. ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, CONTROL

**Art. 11.** The management, administration and control bodies of **EGSC** are the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

**Art. 12.** The General Assembly consists of all **EGSC** members (2 representatives for each organization).

**Art. 13.** The General Assembly meets in ordinary and extraordinary session, as follows:

- a. in ordinary session, annually, within the **EGSC** Summit;
- b. in extraordinary session, whenever important issues within the competence of the General Assembly must be resolved and which do not suffer postponement.

**Art. 14 (1)** The convocation of the General Assembly in ordinary session (**EGSC** Summit) is made by the Board of Directors, in writing, by traditional means (registered letter) or electronic (e-mail), at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

**(2)** The convocation will specify the period and place where the **EGSC** Summit is held, as well as the agenda.

**(3)** If for objective reasons one of the declared members of an organization cannot participate in the Summit, it can be replaced by a colleague from the same organization.

**Art. 15.** The convening of the Extraordinary General Assembly is done at the initiative of the Board of Directors, the president or at the proposal of one third of the **EGSC** members, whenever necessary.

**Art. 16. (1)** The General Assembly is validly constituted if at least 2/3 of the total **EGSC** members are present;

**(2)** The decisions of the General Assembly are taken with the vote of at least half plus one of the number of members present, except for the amendment of the statute, in which case a majority of at least 2/3 of the number of members present is required.

**(3)** Each member is entitled to one vote. In case of a tie, the President decides.

**(4)** Debates and adopted decisions are recorded in a special register by a secretary appointed by the Board of Directors.

**(5)** The presidency of the General Assembly belongs to the president of the **EGSC** or, in his absence, to the vice-president.

**(6)** Schools, individuals and legal entities that are not **EGSC** members can be invited to the General Assembly meetings.

**(7)** The decisions taken by the General Assembly are also binding for the members who did not take part in the General Assembly or voted against.





**Art. 17. (1)** The President of the **EGSC** is elected by the General Assembly for a 2-year term. The mandate can be renewed. In case of vacation of the president, his duties are exercised by the vice president.

**(2)** The first president is appointed by the constitutive act of the **EGSC**.

**Art. 18.** The duties of the General Assembly are:

- a. election of the president;
- b. the election and revocation of the members of the Board of Directors;
- c. admission and exclusion of members;
- d. approving and amending the statute and constitutive act of the **EGSC**;
- e. establishment of subsidiaries;
- f. debating the activity report of the Board of Directors;
- g. dissolution and liquidation of **EGSC**;
- h. decides on **EGSC** activities;
- i. establishing the activity schedule;
- j. the proposal of honorary members;
- k. any other duties provided by law.

**Art. 19. (1)** The Board of Directors represents the executive body of the **EGSC** and consists of 5 members, elected by the ordinary General Assembly for a 2-year term: the **EGSC** president, vice-president and members. Their mandates can be renewed.

**(2)** In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors immediately proceeds to replace it with interim members. The final replacement is decided in the next ordinary General Assembly.

**(3)** Any person who has been a member of the **EGSC** for at least 3 months, aged at least 25 on the day of the election, can be elected to the Board of Directors.

**Art. 20. (1)** The Board of Directors exercises the management of the **EGSC** in the period between the sessions of the **EGSC** Summit and decides on all issues within its competence.

**(2)** The Board of Directors is responsible for the entire activity before the General Assembly.

**(3)** Each member of the Board of Directors is individually responsible for his acts and deeds in case of violation of the legislation or provisions received.

**(4)** The Board of Directors meets annually, at the call of the president, as well as whenever the interest requires it, at the written request addressed to the president by at least 1/3 of the members of the Board of Directors.

**(5)** The President summons the members of the Board of Directors to the meetings, stating the agenda.

**(6)** Decisions are taken with the absolute majority of the votes of the members present, provided that at least half of the members of the Board of Directors are present.

**(7)** All decisions of the Board of Directors are recorded in a register and are signed by the president and the meeting secretary.

**Art. 21.** The Board of Directors executes the decisions of the General Assembly, authorizes the activities of the **EGSC** and fulfills the following duties:

- a. elaborates the Green Building Management Strategic Plan
- b. presents to the General Assembly the activity report for the previous period, the draft **EGSC** programs;
- c. conclude legal acts in the name and on behalf of **EGSC**;
- d. approves the organizational chart and personnel policy of the **EGSC**;
- e. performs any other duties established by the General Assembly.

**Art. 22. (1)** All members of the Board of Directors have the duty to prepare the meetings of the Board of Directors, whose decisions they execute.

**(2)** The President handles the day-to-day activities of the **EGSC** between meetings of the Board of Directors, convenes and presides over the Board of Directors, and represents the **EGSC** in court and in all its civil acts.



## CHAPTER 7. DISSOLUTION OF EGSC

**Art. 23. EGSC dissolves:**

- right;
- by the decision of the General Assembly;

**Art. 24. EGSC is right dissolved by:**

- a. the impossibility of achieving the purpose for which it was established, if the purpose does not change within 3 months of the finding of this fact;
- b. the impossibility of constituting the General Assembly or the Board of Directors in accordance with the **EGSC** Commitment Agreement, if this situation lasts more than 1 year from the date on which the General Assembly or, as the case may be, the Board of Directors should have been constituted;
- c. reducing the number of members below the limit of 5.

**Art. 25. EGSC** can also be dissolved by the decision of the General Assembly.

**Art. 26. EGSC** is dissolved by court decision, at the request of any interested person:

- a. when the purpose or activity of the **EGSC** has become illegal or contrary to public order;
- b. when the achievement of the goal is pursued through illegal means or contrary to public order;
- c. when the **EGSC** pursues a different purpose than the one for which it was established;

**Art. 27.** The dissolution of **EGSC** has the effect of its liquidation under the law;

## CHAPTER 8. FINAL PROVISIONS

**Art. 28.** This Commitment Agreement is valid for the entire duration of the EGSC's operation, its modification to be done only in writing and in compliance with this statute and legal regulations.

Amendments to this Agreement require a 2/3 majority of the votes of the General Assembly;

**Art. 29.** The provisions of this Commitment Agreement are supplemented by the other legal provisions in force..

### MEMBERS' SIGNATURES (EGSC Summit participants)

From

1. Colegiul Național Spiru Haret (Romania),

Dumitru Voinea

2. Nachalno uchilishte Tsani Ginchev (Bulgaria),

Mariana Dimitrova

3. Pakruojis "Zemyna" progimnasium (Lithuania),

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4. Özel Filiz Okullari (Türkiye),

Kemal Uğur Özaltay

5. Mine Vaganti NGO (Italy),

Lukrecija Ašembergaitė





## ANNEX 1

### Application for membership

The undersigned ..... (name and surname), legal representative of the school/organization ..... (legal name), please approve our application for membership of the EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF GREEN SCHOOLS, based in Bd. Victoria, no. 12, Tecuci, Romania.

I mention that in the last 5 years our school/organization has carried out at least 2 activities/projects in the direction of promoting green buildings, ecological values and a healthy lifestyle. We are attaching to this application the information document about these activities/projects and at least 2 supporting pictures for each.

#### Activity/project no. 1

<b>OBJECTIVES</b> (what was your specific goal)	<b>TASKS</b> (what you did to accomplish your goal)	<b>PERIOD FRAME</b> (by the deadline for achieve the task)	<b>TARGET GROUPS</b> (which target was involved in this task)	<b>RESOURCES</b> (what resource you used for each task)

#### Activity/project no. 2

<b>OBJECTIVES</b> (what was your specific goal)	<b>TASKS</b> (what you did to accomplish your goal)	<b>PERIOD FRAME</b> (by the deadline for achieve the task)	<b>TARGET GROUPS</b> (which target was involved in this task)	<b>RESOURCES</b> (what resource you used for each task)

Date:

Signature and stamp,  
Legal representative