

i-nez statutes

§ 1 Name, Registered Office, Financial Year

1. The association bears the name **i.nez – International Network for Development Cooperation in the Field of Mental Health (registered association)**.
2. The association has its registered office in Kaufbeuren.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.
4. The association is to be entered in the Register of Associations at the Local Court (Amtsgericht) of Kaufbeuren.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

1. The purpose of the association is the promotion of public health.

This statutory purpose is realized in particular through the promotion of clinical and scientific exchange of experience among professionals working in psychiatric care, with special consideration of development cooperation with economically disadvantaged countries (developing countries).

2. The focus of support and promotion shall primarily lie in the international exchange of knowledge, experience, and projects that improve the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses. This is to be achieved through further and continuing education measures, participation in and organization of professional conferences, and the mutual exchange of personnel in the field of psychiatric care.
3. In individual cases, the objectives of the association may also be realized through the granting of material benefits and/or the financing of specific projects.
4. In order to fulfill these objectives, the association may also join other organizations and institutions or grant funds to other organizations and institutions, provided that they pursue similar charitable purposes as i.nez e.V. and use the funds exclusively for these purposes.

§ 3 Non-Profit Status

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section “Tax-Privileged Purposes” of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung) in its respective valid version.
2. The association acts altruistically; it does not primarily pursue its own economic interests.
3. The funds of the association may only be used for purposes in accordance with the statutes or for charitable purposes. No person may benefit from expenditures that are unrelated to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

4. Upon leaving the association or upon dissolution of the association, members shall have no claims to the assets of the association.

§ 4 Membership

1. Any natural or legal person may become a member who wishes to support the objectives of the association with regard to its purpose.
2. Membership must be applied for in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Board decides on admission.
3. Membership ends through resignation or exclusion. Resignation must be declared in writing with a notice period of three months to the end of a financial year.
4. A member may be excluded for good cause. The decision on exclusion is made by the Executive Board after hearing the member concerned and the General Assembly.
5. Members shall pay a membership fee, the minimum amount of which is determined by the General Assembly.

§ 5 Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are:

- the General Assembly
- the Executive Board

The General Assembly exercises all rights and duties that are assigned to it by law.

§ 6 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Board once a year.
2. The Executive Board determines the time, place, and agenda of the General Assembly. Invitations shall be issued in writing with at least two weeks' notice, stating the agenda.
3. The General Assembly has in particular the following responsibilities:
 1. Advising on and resolving the possibilities and means of achieving the purpose of the association
 2. Election of the Executive Board and the auditors
 3. Receipt of the annual report of the Executive Board
 4. Discharge of the Executive Board
 5. Regulation of membership fees
 6. Amendments to the statutes
4. An extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened if the Executive Board deems it necessary or if one third of the members request this in writing, stating the reasons.

5. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Executive Board.
6. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be adopted by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be deemed rejected.
7. Amendments to the statutes require the approval of at least two thirds of the voting members present; dissolution of the association requires the approval of three quarters of the voting members present.
8. Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the General Assembly and signed by two members of the Executive Board.

§ 7 Executive Board

1. The Executive Board consists of the Chairperson, two Deputy Chairpersons, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
2. The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Re-election is permitted. The previous Executive Board remains in office until a new election takes place.
3. The Executive Board constitutes a quorum if at least three of its members are present. Resolutions are adopted by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the motion shall be deemed rejected.
4. The Executive Board conducts the day-to-day business of the association and implements the resolutions of the General Assembly.
5. The Executive Board within the meaning of § 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB) consists of the Chairperson and the two Deputy Chairpersons. Each of them is entitled to represent the association individually.
6. If a member of the Executive Board leaves during a financial year, the vacancy shall be filled by co-option by the Executive Board.
7. The resolutions of the Executive Board shall be recorded in minutes, which shall be signed by the minute-taker and the chair of the board meeting.
8. Meetings of the Executive Board are open to members.

§ 8 Dissolution of the Association

In the event of dissolution of the association or if tax-privileged purposes cease to apply, the assets of the association shall be transferred to the “Irseer Kreis – Psychosocial Support Association Kaufbeuren/Ostallgäu e.V.” in Kaufbeuren, which shall use them directly and exclusively for tax-privileged purposes.

§ 9 Validity of the Statutes

These statutes were adopted by the undersigned founding members on 29 May 2000.
