

In accordance to the provisions of the article 12 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette of RS", No.51/09), the founding Assembly of the Association held in Belgrade on 02.04.2015 adopted the:

STATUTE of the
ASSOCIATION 'CRIME AND CORRUPTION REPORTING NETWORK'

Article 1.

The Association 'Crime and Corruption Reporting Network' (hereinafter: Association) is a non-government and non-profit association founded for an indefinite period of time in order to achieve and improve goals in the field of investigative journalism.

Article 2.

The goals of the Association are:

- Promotion and development of investigative journalism, whistle-blowing and other institutions or individuals who deal with these issues,
- Affirmation free, independent and impartial media as the basis for developing transparent and democratic society,
- Contribution to the development of media and organizations dealing with investigative journalism, informing and protection of public interest,
- Regional cooperation with journalist and investigative organizations and media with the purpose of undertaking together actions on the cases of corruption, crime, and other topics important for implementation of the public interest and the growth of transparency,
- Creating and promoting ethic and other standards in the field of media and investigative journalism,
- Education of journalist on global IT trends and improving the work of a media through information technologies,
- Active contribution to the fight against corruption, non-transparency and other social challenges,
- Strengthening and supporting the process of building democracy in the society, encouraging more active participation of citizens in decision-making through media,
- Supporting cultural diversity and the improvement of inter-ethnic relations through media,
- Strengthening and development of civic identity in Serbia, informing and ensuring availability of up-to-date opportunities,
- Contribution to the development of civil society by means of informing and educating citizens about civil society institutions and democracy, as well through support to groups, associations of citizens and individuals who support promotion of the values of civil society,
- Promotion and protection of human rights, promotion of tolerance, measures, dialogue, and non-violent conflict resolution,
- Support in achieving European standards and ongoing support to the society's dialogue on the integration of Serbia into the EU and other international institutions and organizations,

Article 3.

The Association undertakes the following actions to achieve its goals:

- Implements journalistic investigation activities in cooperation with individuals, institutions, and organizations;
- Strengthens cooperation with regional, national, and international organizations in the field of media, and especially in the field of investigative journalism;
- Participates in calls for project proposals and implements projects aligned with the organization's goals;
- Organizes, alone or in partnership with other organizations, tribunes, performances, professional assemblies, creative workshops, advisory services, and other forms of actions, information and education;
- Organizes and implements professional scientific research and provides support to professional and scientific research and projects;
- Cooperates with universities, organizations, associations and other similar institutions in Serbia and abroad;
- Collects, translates, and works on professional and scientific publications;
- Publishes books, manuals, newsletters and other publications in accordance to the Law;
- Performs other activities seen vital for achieving the association's objectives, in accordance to the Law.

Article 4.

The name of the Association is: Mreža za istraživanje kriminala i korupcije

The name of the Association in the foreign language is: Crime and Corruption Reporting Network

The abbreviated name is: KRIK

The Association has its headquarters in Belgrade

The Association performs its activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia, countries in the region and Europe in accordance to legal regulations.

Article 5.

The Association has a stamp in the circle shape, which margins state 'Mreža za istraživanje kriminala i korupcije' – Beograd, and in the middle of the stamp there is an emblem of a magnifying glass in the round shape with a holder on the right side of the magnifying glass.

Article 6.

The Association can act as a founder of other organizations, as well as media.

Article 7.

Any person who shares the goals of the Association and its Statute, who submits a membership request to the Management Board of the Association, and who pays the annual membership fee, can be a member of the Association.

A minor who has attained 14 years of age can become a member of the Association provided the request is accompanied by the notarized statement of approval by the legal guardian.

A legal representative of a minor under the age of 14 years, referred to in the paragraph 1 of this article, can submit a membership request.

Article 8.

The decision on the membership is made by the Assembly; the applicant must be immediately notified about such.

A member may withdraw its membership by giving a written statement of withdrawal. A minor willing to withdraw does not require an approval by the legal representative.

Membership in the Association may be ceased or suspended on the basis of long period of the member's inactivity, non-compliance with the provisions of this Statute, or damage to the reputation of the Association.

The decision on membership termination or suspension of membership is made by the Assembly following the grounded proposal of the Management Board.

A dismissed member cannot re-join the Association, unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

A member must be enabled to be explained the reasons for submitting a proposal for making a decision on the termination of the membership in the Association.

Article 9.

A legal-aged member of the Association has the right to:

- 1) participate in achieving the goals of the Association on equal terms with other members;
- 2) directly participate in decision making at the Assembly, as well as through the bodies of the Association;
- 3) elect and be elected to the bodies of the Association;
- 4) be promptly and fully informed about the work and activities of the Association;

A juvenile member of the Association has the rights referred to in the point 1 and 4 of the paragraph 1 of this article.

A 14-year aged juvenile member can attend the meeting of the Assembly and participate in the discussion, although such a member does not have the right to vote.

A member is obliged to:

- 1) protect the reputation and interests of the Association;
- 2) actively contribute to achieving the Association's goals;
- 3) participate, in accordance with the interest, in the activities of the Association;
- 4) pay the membership fee;
- 5) perform other tasks entrusted upon by the Management Board.

Article 10.

Bodies of the Association are the Assembly and the Management Board.

Article 11.

The Association's Assembly is the highest governing body and is composed of all the members of the Association.

The Assembly meets regularly once a year. An extraordinary session of the Assembly can be scheduled on a reasoned proposal of the Management Board, as well as on the initiative of half of the members of the Assembly. An extraordinary session is called by the Management Board no later than within 20 days from the date of initiation.

The Assembly session is called by the Chairman of the Management Board, by a written notice with the time and place of the Assembly and the draft agenda. The session is chaired by a person who is, by public vote, elected at the beginning of the session.

The Assembly:

- 1) approves, makes changes and amendments to the Statute;
- 2) makes decisions of financial nature;
- 2) approves other general acts of the Association;
- 3) appoints and dismisses members of the Management Board;
- 4) appoints an official representative of the Association who is responsible for financial and other duties;
- 5) decides on changes to the Statute and termination of the Association's work;
- 6) decides on the amount of the membership fee for the following year;
- 7) performs other tasks related to the work of the Association;
- 8) decides on initiating proceedings for damage compensation in the cases referred to in the article 25, paragraph 2 of the Law on Associations and, if necessary, appoints a special representative of the Association to deal with this procedure.

The Assembly has the full right to make a decision provided at least one half of the voting members are present.

The Assembly decides by the majority vote of the members present.

The decisions on amendments and changes to the Statute, statutory changes, and the termination of the Association's work are to be made by a required two-thirds majority voting of the members present.

Article 12.

The Management Board is the executive body of the Association, which ensures the implementation of the Association's goals which are defined by this Statute.

The Management Board has a minimum of three and a maximum of seven members who are elected or recalled by the Assembly.

The Board's members are not necessarily the members of the Association.

The Board's members possess the mandate for the period of three years and can be reappointed to the same position.

The Management Board elects the chairman and the vice chairman out of its members.

Article 14.

The Manage Board:

- 1) manages the work of the Association between the two sessions of the Assembly and makes decisions to achieve the goals of the Association;
- 2) ensures regular announcements on activities of the Association;
- 3) assigns specific tasks to individual members;
- 4) approves the report of the official representative of the Association and proceeds such report to be approved by the Assembly;
- 5) decides on other matters which cannot be resolved, by law or by statute, by other authorized bodies of the Association.

The Manage Board's decisions are valid if at least one half of the members are present, and decisions are made by the majority vote of all members.

Article 15.

The work of the Association has public nature.

The Management Board ensures that members and the public are timely informed about the work and activities of the Association, directly or through internal publications, or through press releases, or in any other appropriate manner.

The annual accounts and reports on the activities of the Association must be presented to the members of the Association at the Assembly session.

Article 16.

In order to achieve its goals, the Association builds relations and cooperates with other associations and organizations in the country and abroad.

The Association can join international associations, as decided by the Assembly.

Article 17.

The Association raises funds through membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts, grant aids and other legally permitted manners.

Article 18.

The Association can raise funds from registration fees for seminars, trainings and other forms of education in the field of information technology, as well as the sale of goods and services produced during educational workshops.

The actual profit can be used exclusively for achieving the goals of the Association, including the costs related to the routine work of the Association and its contribution to financing the projects that are being implemented.

Article 19.

The Association terminates its work by the decision of the Assembly when there are no conditions for achieving the Association's goals or in other cases provided for by the law.

Article 20.

If the work is terminated, the property of the Association shall be transferred to the local non-profit legal entity established to achieve the same or similar goals. The relevant decision is to be made by members of the last Assembly session.

To establish an Association and to align such Associations which do not possess public, i.e. state, ownership over the property, the following is important: the provisions of the article 42 paragraph 1 of the Law on Associations stipulate that in case the Association is terminated, the recipient of its property can be defined only by the Statute and only be a national non-profit legal entity established to achieve the same or similar goals. In this sense, the property cannot be left to the members and founders. In the event the decision is not in accordance to the law, the registration will not be made until the Statute is aligned with provisions.

Article 21.

The provisions of the Law on Associations are to be applied to all matters which are not directly regulated by this Statute.

Article 22.

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its approval by the Assembly of the Association.

Belgrade
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**Chairman of the Association's
Assembly**

Stevan Dojcinovic