

ASEPELT ASOCIACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE ECONOMÍA APLICADA

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article	<b>NAME, NATURE AND REGISTERED OFFICE</b>
1.	The " <i>International Association of Applied Economics-ASEPELT</i> " is a non-profit association constituted pursuant to the provisions of Article 22 of the Spanish Constitution and other provisions in force laid down in the development and implementation of the constitution, as well as any corresponding regulatory provisions. It was constituted in Madrid, at the headquarters of the National Statistics Institute, in 1986, and its first Articles of Association were approved at a General Assembly held in Barcelona in 1987. Its name <b>ASEPELT</b> comes from "Association Scientifique Européenne pour la Prévision Economique à Moyen et Long Terme", the organization that originally gave rise to the Spanish chapter.
2.	The registered office is located at C/Martinez Campos, nº 15-2º, 04001 Almería.
	<b>PURPOSE</b>
3.	The purpose of the Association is to organize, promote and disseminate original scientific works in the field of Applied Economics. It aims to be a meeting place for different methodological traditions in the scientific field of Economics, which share a common concern about real problems and the search for solutions to them. It seeks to (i) make a positive contribution to the development and improvement of Applied Economics; (ii) promote progress in and the diffusion of knowledge and innovation in this area; (iii) establish collaborative links and networks of cooperation between researchers and society; and (iv) assist Public Administrations in all Economics-related matters in ways that can help to build a better society .
4.	It pursues its aims through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the exchange of information between members of the academic community, researchers and social actors, and by conveying its results to society;</li> <li>b) the publication of reports, articles and collective works of social interest;</li> <li>c) the publication of scientific journals and scientific documents;</li> <li>d) holding an annual meeting;</li> <li>e) the organization of seminars, conferences, talks, congresses and any other activities that may be considered appropriate for the purposes indicated.</li> </ul>
5.	The Association's scope of action is international, with a particular focus on Spain, the other European Union countries and Ibero-American states.
	<b>MEMBERS</b>
6.	The status of member is attained by submitting an application for admission to the Executive Board and on its approval of said application.
7.	Said status is lost if the member voluntarily renounces it or is found to be in breach of his/her duties to the Association, as determined by the General Assembly. The list of members will be updated and disseminated at each General Assembly.
8.	Members can be individuals or institutions. Institutional members may sign an agreement with the Association that specifies the bases for their possible collaboration with the Association.
9.	In the General Assembly, the Executive Board nominates people to be appointed Honorary Members, selecting from people who have made a noteworthy contribution or met the objectives of the Association, or who have demonstrated their merit in the field of Applied Economics.
10.	All individual members have the right to speak and to vote in General Assemblies. Institutional members shall confirm to the Association, in each Assembly, the persons to whom they delegate this duty.
11.	Individual members pay an annual fee decided by the General Assembly. Institutional members pay the annual fee that is stipulated in any agreement they may have signed with the Association, or if there is no such agreement, the fee that is decided by the General Assembly.
	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
12.	The Association is governed and administered by the General Assembly, the Executive Board

	<i>and the Board of Directors</i>
13.	<i>The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Association. The Ordinary General Assembly is convened by the Executive Board on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and items on its agenda include deciding on the venue and the organization of the next Annual Meeting. An Extraordinary Assembly is held when requested by 25% of the members of the Association or when the Executive Board deems it necessary. The decisions of the Assembly on the items included in the notice of meeting are taken by a simple majority of the members present, to which are added any mail-in votes that may have been received. The Executive Board shall convene the General Assemblies with a minimum of 30 days' notice and include in the notice of meeting any topic proposed by at least 50 members of the Association.</i>
14.	<i>The Executive Board is the highest decision-making body between General Assemblies. It is composed of the sitting President, the President-Elect, a Vice-President, a representative from each Section, the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General or Undersecretary, and a number of board members equal to four plus one more for each one hundred members or fraction of one hundred. Furthermore, the Honorary President and Honorary Members have the right to speak but do not have a vote. The decisions of the Board are taken by a simple majority of the members present and its President has a casting vote. The President shall convene the Executive Board at least once a year and whenever requested to do so by at least a quarter of its members. The agenda shall include any item suggested by at least two of its members. The Executive Board must submit to the Ordinary General Assembly a report on the activity of the Association, the accounts of the Association for the previous financial year and the budget for the following year; these documents shall be drawn up by the Secretary General.</i>
15.	<i>The President is the highest representative of the Association and its Sections. He/she represents the Association in as many acts, actions or procedures as necessary, heading up any representation of the Association. He/she performs, on behalf of the Association, all types of activities within the limits set by the Articles of Association. He/she is authorized to sign agreements with public or private entities aimed at promoting the Association and fostering links with society. The President may, when he/she deems it appropriate, delegate any or all of these functions to the Vice-President. The President-Elect may belong to the Executive Board for one year before taking office.</i>
16.	<i>The Executive Board appoints a Vice-President: a member of the Association proposed by the President. The Vice-President shall become a member of the Executive Board of the Association and shall represent the Association in the absence of the President or when delegated to do so by the President. Moreover, he/she shall provisionally hold the presidency of the Association in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President and for as long as said situation continues and until a new President is elected, if necessary.</i>
17.	<i>The Executive Board appoints a Secretary: a member of the Association proposed by the president, who is given the title Secretary General. The Secretary General executes the decisions of the Executive Board and handles the regular management of the Association, following the instructions given by the President. He/she is responsible for overseeing the accounts of the Association, monitoring its income and expenses, and ensuring that the funds needed to finance the activities of the Association are obtained, so that it can achieve its aims. He/she is authorized to sign routine correspondence and the records of regular management. The remuneration of the Secretary General, if any, shall be set by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Executive Board. The Secretary is the custodian of the minutes and the rest of the documentation of the Association. He/she is also responsible for issuing certificates with the approval of the President. To assist the Secretary General in his/her duties, the Executive Board may appoint an Undersecretary or Deputy Secretary General.</i>
18.	<i>The Board of Directors of the Association is responsible for coordinating and managing the activities of the Association, without prejudice to the powers of the Executive Board, assisting the President in his/her duties and carrying out any tasks delegated to it by the Executive Board. It shall consist of a maximum of five members of the Executive Board, and shall always include the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary General. The other members shall be appointed by the Executive Board at the proposal of the President of the Association, and shall be part of the Board of Directors for as long as the President deems it appropriate and as long as they remain members of the Executive Board.</i>

19.	<i>The Academic Board of the Association is created in order to ensure the appropriate scientific quality of publications and activities organized by the Association. It shall be composed of at least five members and shall be chaired by the Honorary President of the Association. At the proposal of the President and on prior approval by the Assembly, any member of the Association who is deemed appropriate on the basis of their professional profile or acknowledged reputation can join the Academic Board. Furthermore, following a similar procedure, any member proposed by at least 30 members may join.</i>
20.	<i>At the proposal of the Executive Board, the General Assembly may appoint a single Honorary President.</i>
20b	<i>The various different bodies of the Association may hold sessions remotely over the internet, provided that they have been convened with the same assurances as face-to-face sessions and that the President and the Secretary General both participate.</i>
	<b>SECTIONS</b>
21.	<i>For scientific purposes, the General Assembly may approve the formation of specialized Sections in homogeneous areas of knowledge within the field of Applied Economics, provided that they have a minimum of 50 members of the Association, and that their aims and purposes are duly justified.</i>
22.	<i>Each section shall be managed by a Section Committee, consisting of a Section Coordinator (or person to whom it is delegated) and three committee members, all of whom are registered in the Section. The Section Coordinator represents the Section on the Executive Board of the Association, in order to ensure the alignment of the specific activities of the Section with the general activities of the Association, in accordance with provisions of Articles 4 and 33. In the event of the absence or incapacity of a Section President, he/she shall be replaced by the oldest Section Committee member for as long as said situation continues or until a new Section President is elected, if necessary.</i>
	<b>ELECTION METHOD</b>
23.	<i>The President of the Association serves a four-year term, and cannot be immediately re-elected to the same position. The other elected officials serve a two-year term and may be immediately re-elected to the same position. The Vice-President and the Secretary General shall remain in office for as long as the President who proposed them deems that they should; they leave office when the President does so. However, the Secretary General may renew his/her position without interruption if he/she is proposed again for the office in accordance with Article 17, when the Presidency of the Association is renewed.</i>
24.	<i>All elections are held within the General Assembly. All members of the Association have the right to a vote, which in their absence can be cast by any of the members present provided that they have been delegated in writing and that the vote cast has been sealed in an envelope before the ballot begins.</i>
25	<i>All individual members are eligible for any position, provided they meet the requirements set out in Article 23. The Executive Board declares all those proposed by a minimum of five members to be candidates</i>
26.	<i>The President is elected one year before the beginning of his/her term of office and shall take office at the first General Assembly following his/her election. The members of the Executive Board and Section Committees, as well as the Section Presidents shall be renewed at the end of their respective terms of office, except under the provisions of Articles 30, 31 and 32 and in the Transitional Provision.</i>
27.	<i>The Section Committee members and President of each Section are elected by the members of the Association belonging to the Section in question. For these purposes, the Association shall maintain a record of the Section or Sections to which each member belongs.</i>
28.	<i>The position of Section Committee member can be held simultaneously with any other position in the Association. None of the other elected positions can be held simultaneously.</i>
29	<i>Election to a position on the Executive Board or to a Section Committee is by secret and separate ballot, according to the following criteria:</i> a) <i>One ballot shall be held for each vacancy to be filled;</i> b) <i>The candidate that receives the highest number of votes shall be declared elected</i> c) <i>In the event of tie, a second ballot shall be held with those present; if the candidates are still tied after the second ballot, one of the tied candidates shall be selected at random for the position.</i>
30	<i>The General Assembly may bring a no-confidence motion against the Executive Board. This motion must contain a proposal for a Management Committee of the members. If the motion succeeds, the Executive Board terminates its duties and the Management</i>

	<i>Committee calls elections for all the positions of the Association within a maximum period of three months.</i>
31	<i>When all the positions of the Association are renewed simultaneously, the term of office of the half of the board members with the fewest votes shall be only one year. In the event of a tie, it shall be resolved by drawing lots.</i>
32	<i>In the event of the resignation of any elected official of the Association before the end of his/her term of office, the position shall be renewed at the first General Assembly following the resignation, regardless of whether the procedures set out in in Articles 16 and 22 are established in the meantime. In the event of the termination or resignation of the Vice-President or the Secretary General, he/she shall be replaced as soon as possible, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 16 and 17.</i>
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
33.	<i>The regular activities of the Association are the Annual Meeting, which must include the Scientific Congress and the General Assembly, and the publication of the journal "Studies of Applied Economics". Furthermore, the Association may promote as many other activities and publications of interest to society as it deems relevant, in accordance with what is established in each case by the General Assembly, the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the Section Committees, within their corresponding areas of responsibility.</i>
34.	<i>For the funding of the various activities, the Association may contribute its own resources, which are detailed in the annual budgets of the Association, or it may resort to specific external sources, in accordance with the criteria established in each case by the corresponding bodies of the Association.</i>
35.	<i>The Association shall maintain an Association website, which must include an up-to-date version of the Articles of Association. It may also include, where appropriate, the list of members, presenting those data allowed under the Data Protection Law. Furthermore, it shall provide information on the publications of the Association and on the Sections that have been constituted, including the list of members registered in each Section, as well as the agreements of the Executive Board referred to in Article 43</i>
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>The Association publishes the scientific journal "Estudios de Economía Aplicada", which contains position papers or research papers on topics within its domain, as well as news or items of interest to the academic and research community and to society in general in the field of Applied Economics.</i></li> <li>b) <i>The General Assembly appoints the Director of the Journal, at the proposal of the Executive Board. The Editorial Board of the Journal is appointed at the proposal of its Director, and their appointment is approved by the General Assembly; they must meet the criteria of being individuals of academic renown, but they do not have to be members of the Association. Furthermore, the President of the Academic Board of the Association shall be part of this body.</i></li> <li>c) <i>The appointment of the Director shall be for a four-year term, and the term may be extended for successive four-year periods.</i></li> <li>d) <i>The Director of the journal may be invited to the sessions of the Executive and Academic Boards and the Board of Directors, when the subject of the publication is on the agenda.</i></li> <li>e) <i>On the proposal of the Director, a Secretary of the journal shall be appointed: a member of the Association, whose remuneration shall be set, where appropriate, by the General Assembly.</i></li> </ul>
37.	<i>The Association organizes an Annual Meeting, which should include, besides any other possible activities, the ASEPELT Scientific Congress and the General Assembly. For the organization of each Meeting, the General Assembly shall designate, in accordance with Article 13, the venue and organizer, preferably an institutional member, who shall be responsible for holding and financing the event, under the supervision of the Executive Board. A Scientific Committee of the Congress comprising renowned researchers shall be appointed with the advice and agreement of the Academic Board of the Association. The President of the Organizing Committee of the meeting may participate in the sessions of the Executive Board and Board of Directors to which he/she is invited, when issues relating to the Annual Meeting are on the agenda.</i>
	<b>ASSOCIATION RESOURCES</b>
38.	<i>For economic purposes, the Association takes the calendar year as its financial year. At the Ordinary General Assembly corresponding to each Annual Meeting, the Secretary General shall submit for approval the balance sheet for the previous financial year and the budget</i>

	<i>planned for the coming financial year.</i>
39.	<i>The annual budget shall be drawn up by the Executive Board and presented to the General Assembly for approval, along with the Work Plan, in accordance with the provisions of Article 14.</i>
40.	<i>The resources of the Association consist of the fees paid by all its members, which shall be set by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Executive Board; the income obtained by carrying out specific projects; grants and donations; and any other extraordinary income.</i>
41.	<i>The Association shall finance the administrative expenses that the Executive Board deems necessary, in accordance with the budgets approved by the General Assembly. Minor expenses shall be decided by the Secretary General; expenditure exceeding 5% of the annual budget shall be approved by the Board of Directors, who shall report this to the Executive Board. The General Assembly shall establish, where appropriate, the percentage of the fee corresponding to the individual members registered in the Sections that may be administered by the corresponding Committees. The accounts are overseen by an associate appointed for this purpose by the General Assembly.</i>
	<b>AMENDMENT AND DISSOLUTION</b>
42.	<i>In order to amend the Articles of Association, a General Assembly must be convened, indicating the specific proposals for amendment.</i>
43.	<i>Matters not specifically regulated in the Articles of Association in force are regulated by the Executive Board, which reports to the General Assembly.</i>
44.	<i>The Association may be dissolved by convening an Extraordinary General Assembly and if two-thirds of the members of the Association agree to the dissolution.</i>
45.	<i>Once the dissolution agreement has been approved, the Association's assets shall be disposed of and the proceeds shall be used to liquidate the financial obligations of the Association, assigning the remaining balance, if any, to any other centre with a similar purpose.</i>
	<b>ADDITIONAL PROVISION</b>
	<i>Consistent with the values of gender equality, all titles in these Articles that refer to individual positions on governing bodies, representatives and members of the university community in masculine form, when they have not been replaced by generic terms, shall be understood to refer interchangeably to the female gender, depending on the sex of the holder of the office.</i>

Note: Doña María Angeles Medina Sánchez, Secretary General of the International Association of Applied Economics-ASEPELT, certifies that these Articles of Association have been drawn up with the amendments agreed in the Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose on 6th March 2019.