THE BY-LAWS OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN SUB-REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK

I. Mission statement
Eastern European sub-regional Association of Schools of Social Work (EEsrASSW) supports the development of the social work discipline, education and research in the region. It enhances the cooperation among the schools of social work, educators and researchers and promotes regional knowledge and research expertise in the global social work community.

II. Organization
EEsrASSW stands for Eastern European sub-regional Association of Schools of Social work. It refers to educational or training institutions and programmes in social work, as well as educators, researchers in social work and other social work professionals.

EEsrASSW represents the schools of social work and other Eastern European training and teaching social work organizations in the European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW) and International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).

III. Function
EEsrASSW was established to support the social work discipline, education, training, research and practice in Eastern Europe, through:

- Promoting the development of social work education and research in social work on all levels of post-secondary education in the region;
- Strengthening the status of schools of social work through mutual support of member schools in the region and internationally;
- Stimulating networking and exchange of educators, researchers and students regionally and internationally;
- Initiating and enhancing the development of study courses, curricula, trainings and research;
- Enhancing and sharing regional knowledge production relevant to the development of social work discipline, education and research;
- Representing the interests of Eastern European social work educators and researchers in the national and international bodies and contexts and increasing their visibility and participation;
- Promoting social justice, human rights, global standards and ethical principles in social work.
IV. Membership

Membership of the association is composed of schools of social work from Eastern Europe and other institutions, individuals, organizations and associations active in social work. EEsrASSW invites non-members to participate in activities.

Membership requires submitting a completed membership form. Every three years the membership has to be renewed.

EEsrASSW encourages its members to become members of IASSW and EASSW. Membership in the EEsrASSW does not automatically imply membership in any other association, neither vice-versa.

V. Decision Making Procedures and Voting

The EEsrASSW favours democratic decision making processes. Voting process is limited to the voting of the president, the secretary and the Executive board members as a group. The voting right is limited to the schools of social work and social work related educational institutions. Each school of social work has one vote.

VI. Organs

EEsrASSW has two bodies: the EEsrASSW Assembly and the Executive Board. The EEsrASSW is represented by the President or in case of absence, another member of the Executive Board. The EEsrASSW is represented online by a domain webpage and it is the responsibility of the President, Secretary and Executive Board members to maintain it.

EEsrASSW Assembly

The EEsrASSW Assembly is composed of all members. The Assembly meets bi-annually. It can convene with the use of IT. The EEsrASSW Assembly responds to appeals, tasks and activities proposed by the Executive Board and reviews, approves, advises, and cooperates with the Executive Board. The EEsrASSW Assembly can also make amendments to these by-laws, but only when receiving votes on the change from 2/3 of the members.

Executive Board

The Executive Board is composed of at least seven members: a President, Secretary and five (or more) members of the Board. The President and Board members (except the Secretary) are elected positions for a mandate of three years. The Board members and the President appoint the Secretary. All elected positions can be held for two consecutive mandates (each three years) at a time. The elected position can be held by any member that has been elected, has a voting right and has been a member of EEsrASSW for at least three consecutive years. The Executive Board discusses and adopts short and long-term strategic plans for the EEsrASSW.
VII. Fees

There is no monetary fee to the EEsrASSW. Members participate and support the association and its efforts by providing, at least once a year, data, information, studies and reports related to the region on education, research and social policies. Members are also encouraged to share monographs, articles and other written material for open access to other members and the global community in the online archive.

The work of all members is voluntary. Due to the fact that there is no monetary contribution, the Executive Board is expected to apply for grants at the IASSW and EASSW.