CONSOLIDATED TEXT OF THE STATUTE OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY MAKING - CRPM

(English Language Translation)

Pursuant to the Law on Associations and Foundations (Official Gazette of RM No. 52/10) and Article 22 of the Statute, the Assembly of the Center for Research and Policy Making - CRPM Skopje, at its session held on 05.10.2026, by a two-thirds majority of the total number of members, adopted:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

"Centre for Research and Policy Making"-CRPM Skopje is a non-profit organization performing scientific research, higher education and adult education activity in the field of applied policies and advocacy for public policy change, as well as international development cooperation, capacity building and sub-granting to civil society organizations in partner countries.

Article 2

The name of the Association is: "Center for Research and Policy Making"-CRPM.

The headquarters of CRPM Skopje is located at ul. Cico Popovikj no. 6, entrance 2, apartment no. 9, 1000 Skopje.

Article 3

CRPM Skopje is established in order to perform research activities, scientific research and analyses that will lead to practical recommendations for public policy change, with the aim of improving and advancing legal, economic, cultural and other areas; as well as to develop and deliver higher education and non-formal adult education programs relevant for the overall societal development of the Republic of Macedonia, to improve cooperation among the countries from the region and wider, and to advance Euro-Atlantic integrations.

Internationally, CRPM: (a) designs and implements development projects with civil society partners, including in ODA-eligible countries; (b) strengthens the capacities of civil society organizations, networks and public institutions through training, mentoring and e-learning; (c) manages funds and provides financial support to third parties, including sub-grants to civil society organizations.

Article 4

CRPM Skopje shall pursue its goals, tasks and activities independently, in accordance with the relations established by the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia, this Statute, and the legal norms regulating this field.

Article 5

CRPM Skopje has the status of a legal entity with rights, duties and responsibilities determined by this Statute and the laws: the Law on Associations of Citizens and Foundations; the Law on Higher Education[1]; the Law on Scientific Research Activity[2] and the Law on Adult Education[3].

CRPM Skopje has its own seal and stamp.

The seal is circular and contains the name of CRPM Skopje - Center for Research and Policy Making, and the logo of CRPM Skopje is in the middle.

The stamp of CRPM Skopje is rectangular; the upper part contains the name of CRPM Skopje, and the lower part contains the number, date, year and place - Skopje.

CRPM Skopje is entered in the respective registers of the competent bodies of the Republic of Macedonia.

Code of the primary activity: 94.99 - Activities of other membership organizations n.e.c.

Additional activity code: 85.59 - Other education n.e.c.

Article 6

In the work of CRPM Skopje, the name entered in the competent register is used.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 7

General aim of the Association is:

- Development and enhancement of the legal, economic, cultural, environmental, social and other spheres pertinent to the overall societal development of the

[1] „Службен весник на Република Македонија“ бр. 35/2008, 103/2008, 26/2009, 83/2009, 99/2009, 115/2010, 17/2011, 51/2011, 123/2012, 15/2013, 24/2013, 41/2014, 116/2014, 130/2014, 10/2015, 20/2015, 98/2015, 145/2015, 154/2015, 30/2016 и 127/16

[2] „Службен весник на Република Македонија“ бр. 46/2008, 103/2008, 24/2011, 80/2012, 24/2013, 147/2013, 41/2014, 145/2015, 154/2015, 30/2016 и 53/2016

[3] „Службен весник на Република Македонија“ бр. 7/2008, 17/2011, 51/2011, 74/2012, 41/2014, 144/2014, 146/2015 и 30/2016

Republic of Macedonia and the partner countries where the organization operates;

- Enhancement of the multi – dimensional cooperation among the countries from the SEE region and wider, enhancing the Euro-Atlantic integrations and development of international solidarity;
- Development of international cooperation, capacity building and re-granting to CSOs in partner countries.

Particular aims of the Association are:

- Conducting research and analytical activities through projects in the field of law, economy, education, health, social protection, migration, sustainable development, European affairs, climate change, gender equality and good governance; the end result of which will be creation of practical solutions and policies for improvement and advancement of societal development and quality of life in Macedonia, the region and the partner countries.
- Conducting scientific research through the working unit of CRPM Skopje, the Public Policy Institute;
- Conducting licensed programs for qualifications and skills through the CRPM Financial Academy;
- Conducting a non-formal education program and higher education activity pursuant to Article 22 of the Law on Higher Education through the working unit of CRPM Skopje, the School of Public Policies Mother Theresa.

Article 8

CRPM Skopje realizes its goals and tasks through:

- Realization of specific programmatic activities
- Implementation of joint projects in cooperation with organizations from the country, the region and beyond
- Organization of joint projects, panel discussions, scientific consultations and forums
- Managing funds and sub-granting
- Development, organization and delivery of capacity building
- Implementation of international development projects
- Cooperation with experts from the relevant fields
- Cooperation with competent state institutions
- Cooperation with local, regional and international, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and institutions dealing with issues closely related to the development of the relevant societal spheres
- Establishment of permanent or ad hoc clubs and commissions
- Establishment of a limited liability company or joint stock companies for realization of the basic goals, interests and activities and for financing the functions determined by the Statute
- Creation of an interactive website presenting all activities of CRPM Skopje

- Performing other activities in accordance with this Statute, the Laws and the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia

CONDITIONS FOR ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION; RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

Article 9

Membership

A member of CRPM Skopje may be any citizen, national of the Republic of Macedonia, as well as any foreign national who:

- Accepts the basic goals and values on which the functioning of CRPM Skopje is based
- Is of legal age on the day of submitting the application
- Has substantial knowledge of at least one area designated in Article 3 of this Statute as an area of primary importance for achieving the programmatic goals and tasks of CRPM Skopje
- Pays a membership fee by 15 October at the latest for the current year (e.g. by 15 October 2007 for 2007). In exceptional situations, such as a crisis in the country, the region or the world, payment of the membership fee may be postponed by decision of the Executive Board for a maximum of 6 months. The amount of the membership fee is determined at a session of the Assembly of CRPM Skopje on proposal of the President.
- Works on projects of CRPM Skopje for at least two years.

The members of the Association have the following rights and duties:

- Right and obligation to publicly represent and advocate the basic principles and goals of CRPM Skopje and to promote the realization of those principles and goals
- Right to attend the sessions of the Assembly
- Right to submit proposals for decisions to be adopted by the Assembly
- Obligation to take concrete part in the implementation of the Program of activities of CRPM Skopje
- Other rights and obligations determined by this Statute

A member of CRPM without voting right may also be a non-governmental organization, legal entity, international organization or embassy, provided that it accepts the basic goals and values on which the functioning of CRPM Skopje is based and pays an annual membership fee determined by the President of CRPM.

Article 10

The founders of CRPM Skopje have the status of members of CRPM Skopje if they fulfill the conditions of Article 9 of the Statute.

Article 11

Admission of new members

Membership in CRPM Skopje is acquired by an application to the Executive director/ress of CRPM Skopje. Upon the submitted application for membership, if the conditions of Article 9 are fulfilled, the Executive Board decides by majority of votes of the total number of members. The Executive director/ress keeps a register of membership, which is updated once a year.

Article 12

The membership in the Association shall cease if the conditions set in Article 9 are not fulfilled and in the following cases:

- Submission of a written resignation to the Executive Board
- Loss of legal capacity
- Exclusion
- Death

The Executive Board may decide, by majority of votes of the total number of members, to suspend a member in case of serious violation of the established goals and tasks of CRPM Skopje. In such a situation the Executive Board may inform the Assembly and submit a proposal to the Assembly for exclusion from membership. The Assembly decides on this by majority of votes of the total number of members. The member concerned must be given the opportunity to respond to all accusations. The member concerned may lodge an appeal against the decision to the Supervisory Committee within 5 days from the day the decision is made.

After leaving CRPM Skopje, a member cannot claim any rights or claims on the property of CRPM Skopje.

Article 13

Representation of the Association

The Association is presented and represented by the Executive director/ress, who can delegate this authorization to another member of the Executive Board.

Article 14

The work of CRPM Skopje is public. Publicity in its work is achieved through:

- Regular information of the members, other non-profit organizations and the wider public via print and electronic media about the work and concrete activities of CRPM Skopje
- Ensuring unhindered attendance of the members at the sessions of the organs and bodies of CRPM Skopje

- Creation and maintenance of its own website

ASSETS OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND USING THEM

Article 15

At the beginning the main goals and tasks of the Association are to be financed by the initial financial contributions of the founders.

The Association can obtain objects, money and assets.

CRPM Skopje can collect funds from membership fees, contributions, donations, gifts, wills, legacies certified before a notary, and other sources.

CRPM Skopje can also generate income from the profit of the commercial companies it has established with its own funds for achieving the goals and tasks determined by this Statute.

CRPM Skopje can also receive funds from the budget, in accordance with the law, on the basis of its own work program and this Statute.

The Public Policy Institute obtains funds for its scientific research and projects from domestic and foreign programs for development of scientific activity, as well as from the business sector.

The CRPM Financial Academy obtains funds from domestic and foreign development programs, as well as from tuition/participation fees of the academy participants.

The School of Public Policies Mother Theresa obtains funds for the educational programs it implements from tuition fees of students, as well as from educational activities of specialist, post-graduate and doctoral studies.

Article 16

The use and disposure of the proceeds gained in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 is conducted in a manner determined by this Statute and the applicable legal norms.

Article 17

The organs of CRPM Skopje decide on the use and disposal of the funds, in accordance with the competencies determined by this Statute and other internal acts of CRPM Skopje. They take measures for economically appropriate use of the funds and for preventing and eliminating irregularities.

Article 18

CRPM Skopje adopts an annual financial plan for its revenues and expenditures.

ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Assembly

Article 19

The Assembly of CRPM Skopje consists of the members of CRPM Skopje. The Assembly meets as needed, and at least once a year.

In the work of the Assembly of CRPM Skopje, each member of CRPM Skopje has the right to only one vote. This right cannot be transferred to other persons.

The Assembly elects from its ranks an Executive director/ress, who leads the sessions of the Assembly (in the manner determined in Article 24) and performs other tasks determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Article 20

Sessions of the Assembly are convened by the Executive director/ress of CRPM Skopje.

A session of the Assembly is also convened on proposal of 2/3 of the total number of members of the Assembly.

If the Executive director/ress of CRPM Skopje does not convene a session within 15 days from the day the proposal was submitted, the session is convened by the Executive Board or by the initiating members of the Assembly.

A session of the Assembly regarding the work of the Executive Board may also be convened on proposal of the Supervisory Committee.

The manner of convening the sessions of the Assembly is determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

Article 21

The Assembly of CRPM Skopje elects from its ranks an Executive Board, which is the executive organ of the Assembly, at regular and extraordinary sessions.

Article 22

The Assembly decides validly if more than one half of the total number of members are present.

The Assembly adopts decisions by majority of votes of the members present, unless otherwise provided by this Statute.

The competencies of the Assembly are:

- Passes the Statute of CRPM Skopje
- Makes amendments and additions to the Statute with a two-thirds majority of votes of the total number of members
- Elects the Executive Director/ress of CRPM Skopje
- Elects the Executive Board, as well as its individual members, with a simple majority of votes of the total number of members present at the session

- Elects the strategic advisory board of CRPM Skopje
- Adopts a program orientation for the work of CRPM Skopje for a period of 3 years, operationalized in annual programs
- Reviews and adopts periodic and annual reports on the work of the organs and bodies of CRPM Skopje
- Adopts the final account of CRPM Skopje
- Proposes the election and dismissal of members of the Supervisory Committee
- Deliberates the achieved results in the work of CRPM Skopje and gives directions for its further development
- Adopts decisions, conclusions and recommendations for resolving matters of interest to CRPM Skopje
- Decides on the creation and abolition of branches and other organizational forms of CRPM Skopje
- Decides on the change of the name of CRPM Skopje
- Performs other tasks arising from the Statute and the laws

Article 23

In urgent cases, the activities within the scope of work of the Assembly are performed by the Executive Board of CRPM Skopje, whereby the Executive Board is obliged to submit a report on the undertaken activities at the first next session of the Assembly.

Executive Board

Article 24

The Executive Board has 5 members: the Executive Director and four members. By decision of the Assembly, the Executive Board may have 4 members: the Executive Director and three members. The vote of the Executive Director is decisive in case of an equal number of votes for and against a decision of the Executive Board.

The Assembly elects the Executive Director by simple majority of votes of the total number of members present at the session. The mandate of the members of the Executive Board is 3 years, with the possibility of re-election.

Article 25

The competencies of the Executive Board are:

- Implements the statutory and programmatic tasks of CRPM Skopje, as well as the decisions and conclusions of the Assembly
- Adopts and implements the annual work program
- Proposes amendments and additions to the Statute
- Adopts Rules of Procedure for its work
- Decides on termination of the work of CRPM Skopje with a two-thirds majority
- Decides on associating with or separating from another association and on joining alliances and international organizations
- Adopts relevant rulebooks, accepts agreements and concludes contracts

- Convenes sessions of the Assembly when the conditions determined by the Statute are met, and prepares the materials
- Decides on the formation of permanent and temporary committees and directs their work
- Proposes the members of the strategic advisory board and submits them to the Assembly of CRPM Skopje for adoption
- Prepares periodic and annual reports on its work
- Manages the property of CRPM Skopje and is responsible for its management
- May form a professional service and control its work
- Appoints signatories of the bank account of CRPM Skopje
- Performs other tasks provided by this Statute and the relevant legal norms

Article 26

The Executive Board is responsible and answerable for its work to the Assembly of the Association.

The Assembly is empowered to discharge the Executive Board or any of its individual members.

A proposal for recalling the Executive Board or its member can be submitted by at least 2/3 of the members of the Assembly.

The proposal must be submitted in a written form.

Article 27

The Executive Board holds sessions and meetings as needed.

The sessions of the Executive Board are convened by the President of the Executive Board.

A proposal for convening a session of the Executive Board may be submitted by one half of the members of the Executive Board.

The session is led and chaired by the President of the Executive Board, and in his/her absence by a member elected by the Executive Board.

The manner of convening the sessions and of the work of the Executive Board is determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

Article 28

The Executive Board carries out its decisions with a public vote with majority votes from the total number of the members.

Article 29

The Executive Board elects and recalls the Supervisory Committee or its individual members on proposal of the Assembly.

The Supervisory Committee has three members.

Any member of CRPM Skopje may be a member of the Supervisory Committee.

The Supervisory Committee controls the work of the organs of CRPM Skopje.

The Executive Board may also establish an International Board of CRPM, with members who are eminent persons in the field of public policy from the country and abroad.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/RESS

Article 30

The Executive director/ress of CRPM Skopje represents CRPM Skopje at public events in the country and abroad. The Executive director/ress of CRPM Skopje is elected by the members of the Assembly of CRPM Skopje by simple majority on proposal of the members of the Executive Board.

Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board

Article 31

The Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board has 5 members. Eminent persons in the field of public policy may be members of the Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board. As a rule, the members of the Board are not employed in CRPM. The Assembly elects the Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board by simple majority of votes of the total number of members present at the session. The mandate of the members of the Board is 3 years, with the possibility of re-election.

Article 32

The Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board of CRPM is responsible for:

- Reviewing and determining the Development Strategy of CRPM Skopje
- Reviewing and determining the annual work program of CRPM Skopje
- Reviewing the financial reports of CRPM Skopje

At the same time, the Strategic Advisory and Supervisory Board proposes:

-Programs and projects for research

-Subject programs for postgraduate and doctoral studies

-Selects peer review commissions

-Performs other tasks related to the scientific and higher education activity of CRPM Skopje.

TERMINATION/DISOLVING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 33

CRPM Skopje ceases to operate if reasons determined in Article 63 of the Law on Associations and Foundations occur.

Article 34

In case of termination of the work of the Association, its property is transferred to Organization/Educational Institution or other private/public body with similar aims.

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 35

Changes and additions of this Statute are made in the same manner as its formation.

Article 36

The Executive Board has the right to interpret this Statute.

Article 37

This statute enters into force on the day when it has been adopted.

Skopje, 05.10.2026

Executive Director



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Center for Research and Policy Making