



Verbale del Consiglio di Amministrazione del 26/09/2023

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La Presidente cede la parola al Direttore Generale, che relaziona in merito all'argomento all'ordine del giorno.

Il relatore ricorda che il Politecnico di Milano partecipa all'Associazione **Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability**, in breve DeSIS, su iniziativa del Dipartimento di Design.

L'Associazione è retta da un accordo sottoscritto inizialmente da 6 Università (compreso il Politecnico di Milano) con laboratori di DESIS (Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability) Design, alle quali si sono aggiunte negli anni ulteriori Università Italiane e straniere.

In merito alla partecipazione si rinvia all'ultima relazione predisposta dal referente di Ateneo, Prof. Davide Fassi, in occasione dell'ultimo monitoraggio degli enti partecipati, in cui vengono descritte le prospettive future, i punti di forza e la strategicità della partecipazione.

Il Relatore ricorda che l'accordo DeSIS è stato sottoscritto il 18 giugno 2014 e che l'articolo 8 dell'accordo stesso stabilisce che "The Association shall have duration till 31.12.2018. At the end of this date the association can be renewed for additional 5 years by the official members at that date", la cui durata è già stata prorogata una prima volta nel 2018.

Il Relatore informa che il Consiglio del Dipartimento di DESIGN, su iniziativa del Presidente di DeSIS, Prof. Ezio Manzini, nella seduta del 10 luglio 2023, preso atto della relazione del referente di Ateneo, ha approvato la proroga per altri 5 anni dell'Associazione DeSIS (Allegati: relazione monitoraggio Prof. D. Fassi, statuto, lett. istanza di proroga, estratto CdDESIGN del 10.07.2023_All. n. 3.10).

Il Relatore informa, inoltre, che la Commissione Assetti e Partecipazioni e il Senato Accademico, nelle sedute del 12 e 18 settembre 2023, hanno rispettivamente espresso parere favorevole e approvato la proroga della durata dell'Associazione DeSIS.

In merito all'oggetto in epigrafe, il Collegio dei Revisori dei Conti esprime parere favorevole.

Firma Segretario

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La Presidente, per quanto precede, sottopone all'approvazione di questo Organo Accademico la proroga di durata dell'Associazione DeSIS fino al 31.12.2028, dando mandato al Rettore, ovvero al rappresentante del Politecnico di Milano, nell'assemblea che sarà convocata ai fini dell'approvazione della proroga dell'associazione, di esprimere la posizione dell'Ateneo e di approvare, se del caso, ogni ulteriore eventuale modifica del testo statutario necessaria od opportuna al miglioramento dell'espletamento del mandato, senza necessità di ulteriore ratifica.

Il Consiglio di amministrazione approva all'unanimità.

Firma Segretario

Firma Presidente

AGREEMENT

In order to constitute the Association

DESIS NETWORK – Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability

Politecnico di Milano, established in Milano (Italy), Piazza Leonardo da Vinci n. 32, represented by the Rector pro tempore, Prof. Giovanni Azzone, authorized to enter into this Association according to deliberation of Administrative Board in date 29/10/2013;

and

The New School, established in New York, USA, on behalf of its division Parsons The New School for Design, represented by the Stephen Stabile, Vice president for Finance & Business, authorized to enter into this Association on 07/10/2013

and

University of the Arts London, 272 High Holborn, London, UK, WC1V 7EY represented by Jeremy Till, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Arts authorized to enter into this Association on 30/09/2013

and

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, established in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Avenida Pedro Calmon, n. 550 - Prédio da Reitoria, 2º andar, Cidade Universitária, represented by the Rector Prof. Carlos Antônio Levi da Conceição authorized to enter into this agreement according to deliberation of the Conselho Superior de Coordenação Executiva on date 17/12/2013

and

Jiangnan University established in Wuxi, China, 1800 Lihu Avenue, represented by Jian CHEN, the President of the Jiangnan University, authorized to enter into this Association on 30/09/2013

and

Tongji University, 1239 Siping Road, 200092 Shanghai, China, represented by Pei Gang, President of the Tongji University authorized to enter into this Association on 30/09/2013

herein referred to separately as a "Member" and collectively as the "Members",

sign

the present Agreement, drawn up in a number of copies equal to the number of signatories of the "DESIS NETWORK – Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability" Association.

"STATUTE OF THE DESIS NETWORK ASSOCIATION" or merely "Statute".

1 NAME

The Association will bear the name of "DESIS NETWORK – Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability" (abbreviated "DESIS NETWORK" or "DESIS"), The full and the abbreviated names may be used together or separately.

Hereinafter it is referred to also as "the Association".

2. PURPOSE

The present Statute aims to establish an association, of which to the art.1, with the purpose to promote design for social innovation in higher education institutions with design discipline so as to *generate useful design knowledge and to create meaningful social changes* in collaboration with other stakeholders.

It is a cultural association.

The Association shall exclusively and directly pursue non-profit objectives; it shall not primarily pursue its own business objectives.

It is not the purpose of the association to carry out research work itself, but much more to promote the research work of the members and the co-operation among each other.

The Association shall be an association within the meaning of Art. 36 Italian Civil Code.

The governing law is the law of Italy.

The headquarter of the Association will be located in Milano, Italy.

The headquarter of the Association may be transferred by decision of the Assembly.

The Association pursues its purpose by supporting the scientific research in the field of the design fostering and maintaining the exchange of scientific information and views among the members and with other institutions, exchange of scientists, promotion of young scientists (doctoral students) and use of existing research infrastructures.

Furthermore, the purpose of the Association includes training of its members, promotion and education of young scientists, development of international higher education institutions with design discipline as well as organisation of knowledge transfer in the area of Design in particular with regard to the investigation of social innovation research for sustainability.

The Association does not have own funds because each Member bears own expenses in the area of the Association and no common expenses for the Association will be taken .

In this perspective, each Member promotes and supports own local DESIS (Design for social innovation for sustainability) Lab and considers this statute as the DESIS NETWORK statute as far as organization, governance and rules are concerned.

3. MEMBERS AND ACTIVITIES

Members can be legally constituted higher education institutions or Universities with design disciplines (hereinafter referred to also only as "higher education institutions" or only as "Universities"), private or public, sharing DESIS motivations and visions and supporting DESIS activities (Labs projects, international

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Initiatives, Platform improvements).

Each Member commits itself to establish and sustain a design lab in its higher education institutions that conforms to the requirements of a DESIS Lab (See ANNEX 1 DESIS Rules: Labs)

Beyond that, each Member-DESIS Lab will:

- collaborate in promoting and developing at least one *DESIS Initiative*.
- participate in the annual *DESIS Assembly*
- present a short report on their activities and programs at the annual Assembly.

At the Assembly "non Member Partners" (Universities non Members and other legal entities non Members) can be invited, without right to vote, interested to the activities of the Association.



4. GOVERNANCE

DESIS NETWORK operates as a constellation of Labs and Lab-Initiatives, supported by a Platform. Each one of these Labs belongs to its own University and has organizational and administrative autonomy with respect to the Association.

The overall political, cultural and organizational direction of DESIS NETWORK is given by the *Assembly that approves the Annual Program planned by the International Coordinator (with the International Coordination Committee and the Platform Team) and the President.*

The International Coordinator (with the International Coordination Committee and the Platform Team) and the President put into effects the approved Program.

Each Member indicates, for one or more years, a Lab Coordinator that will be representative of the Member in the annual Assembly.

4.1 Assembly. This is the meeting of all the Lab Coordinators and the representatives of invited Partners non Member. It takes place, in a virtual way, at least once a year. Its functions are:

- To discuss the existing Labs' activities, and formally admit new ones.
- To discuss the on-going Initiatives and formally confirm the proposed ones.
- To elect the President (every 3 years)
- To elect the International Coordinator, the proposed International Coordination Committee and the Platform Team (every 2 years).

(See ANNEX 1 DESIS Rules: Assembly)

4.2 President. He/she looks at the continuity of DESIS motivation, mission and goals. His/her role is:

- To advise the IC and the ICC when new directions have to be taken to perform the approved annual Program
- To help in promoting the international visibility of DESIS
- To advise when internal controversies happen

The President remains in charge for 3 years, starting from the 1st of January of the year after his/her election.

4.3 International Coordinator (IC). He/she is elected by the Assembly on the basis of his/her Program including how to fulfill the following tasks:

The IC's specific tasks are:

- With the support of the ICC, to coordinate all the DESIS activities and prepare and organize the annual virtual Assembly.
- With the support of the Platform team, to direct the Platform organization and communication activities and to find the economical resources additional to the principle of Association said at art. 2, "The Association doesn't have own funds because each Member bears own expenses in the area of the Association and no common expenses for the Association will be taken"
- To deploy the DESIS Initiatives foreseen in the proposed Program.

He/she proposes the *International Coordination Committee* and the *Platform Team*. He/she must be part of a DESIS Lab.



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The IC remains in charge for 2 years, starting from the 1st of January of the year after his/her election.

4.4 International Coordination Committee (ICC). This is a team of 8 to 10 members selected from among the Labs' active participants of the Assembly and indicated by the IC. They collaborate with the IC in organization and deployment of the following activities:

- To evaluate the new Lab applications
- To evaluate the new Initiatives proposed
- To define the agenda for the Assembly meeting
- To implement the decisions taken by the Assembly
- To promote some special events
- To promote editorial activities
- To direct the editorial line for the website
- To deal with any legal issues
- To give continuity to the governance model

The ICC remains in charge for the same period as the IC, that is: 2 years, starting from the 1st of January of the year after the IC's election.

4.5 Platform Team. This is a team with the skills needed to manage the Platform functioning. The Platform Team members are chosen by the IC and are based in his/her university. They deploy the following tasks:

- To manage and up-grade the DESIS Website
- To support the organizational needs of the Assembly, the IC and the ICC.

The Platform Team remains in charge for the same period as the IC, that is: 2 years, starting from the 1st of January of the year after the IC's election.

5. ECONOMIC MODEL

DESIS Labs are administratively and economically autonomous entities: each one of them has its own budget and is administrated by the higher educational institutions where that Lab is based.

DESIS Initiatives are the actions that results from specific written agreement between two or more Members. In this agreement every administratively and economically outstanding (budget/obligations granted by the involved higher education institutions with design discipline and the managers of the agreement) aspects will be stated.

The DESIS Platform is managed and the costs covered, as part of the IC's Program. It has the same administrative and economic structure of a DESIS Initiative.

All the DESIS governance roles are pro bono. The only remunerated activities, by each Member or by each DESIS Initiative if it is the case, are the ones performed by the Platform Team in the economic framework of the principle of Association said at art. 2, "The Association doesn't have own funds because each Member bears own expenses in the area of the Association and no common expenses for the Association will be taken"

Private or public higher education institutions, sharing the DESIS vision and rules, can support specific projects (administrated by a DESIS Lab or a DESIS Initiative) and become DESIS Members.

6. OUTCOMES

The outcomes of this association, that is of the DESIS activities, are public, open source and will belong to Creative commons "Attribution-Noncommercial 3.0 Unported (CC BY-NC 3.0)" license, save in duly justified exceptional cases.

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7. CONFIDENTIALITY AND USE OF THE LOGOS OR TRADEMARKS

The DESIS NETWORK trademark (or/and DESIS NETWORK logos) is a registered trademark (or/and registered logos) and it is Politecnico di Milano's ownership. Politecnico di Milano grants the free-use to each Member or to each DESIS Initiative until the Member is in the Association or until the single DESIS Initiative is concluded.

8. DURATION

The Association shall have duration till 31.12.2018.

At the end of this date the association can be renewed for additional 5 years by the official members at that date.

9. AMENDMENTS

This statute may be amended only by the Assembly in the annual meeting if adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Members of the association.

Members that don't agree the amendments can immediately withdraw from the Association without the respect of the terms foreseen in the art. 11 of this Statute.

10. ACCESSION

The existing DESIS labs signing this statute will fill also the "Acceptance of DESIS Statute" form to accept all the provisions of the statute. Membership of the Association shall be granted also to any legally constituted university, that has been admitted to the Association by decision of the General Assembly following the proposal of the ICC. The candidate have to submit the request of the accession to the IC.

New DESIS Labs should follow the rules of this statute and of the Annex I, here enclosed "*ANNEX 1 DESIS network rules*"

11. WITHDRAWAL

Any Member may withdraw from this association at any time. The withdrawal will produce effect ninety days after the date of written communication to the IC that will inform all the members during the first following Assembly. All activities in effect at the time of such notice shall be permitted to conclude as if no such notice had been given.

Any Member who are not following the requirements of art. 2 are dismissed.

12. CONTROVERSY

Any controversy arising over the interpretation of the present statute will be settled by majority of the Assembly.

13. LANGUAGE

This statute has been written in English.