



# **STATUTES**

**STANDING LIAISON COMMITTEE OF  
E.U. SPEECH AND LANGUAGE  
THERAPISTS AND LOGOPEDISTS**

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## **SECTION I – CONSTITUTION**

The Comité Permanent de Liaison des Orthophonistes-Logopèdes de l'Union Européenne (CPLOL) was created in reference of the French law from July 1<sup>st</sup> 1901 which regulates the organisation and running of French associations.

### **Article 1 – Founder members**

The Standing Liaison Committee of Speech and Language Therapists - Logopedists (CPLOL) of member countries of the European Community (known as the granted title of founder members of CPLOL: European Union since 1 January 1995) was formed on 6 March 1988 in Paris, by the following representative professional and scientific associations which are

*Asociacion Espagnola de Logopedia Foniatria y Audiologia - SPAIN*

*Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas da Fala - PORTUGAL*

*Association Luxembourgeoise des Orthophonistes - GREAT DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG*

*Associazione Logopedisti Piemontesi - ITALY*

*Audiologopaedisk Forening - DENMARK*

*College of Speech Therapists - UNITED KINGDOM*

*Dansk Selskab for Logopaedi og Foniatri - DENMARK*

*Fédération Nationale des Orthophonistes - FRANCE*

*Irish Association of Speech Therapists - IRELAND*

*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Logopedie en Foniatrie - NETHERLANDS*

*Panhellenic Association of Specialists in Speech and Language Disorders - GREECE*

*Unione Logopedisti Italiani - ITALY*

*Union Professionnelle des Logopèdes Francophones - BELGIUM*

*Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten - BELGIUM*

*Zentralverband für Logopädie - GERMANY*

### **Article 2 – Registered Address**

A: The registered address of CPLOL is 145, Bd Magenta, Paris 75010, France.

B: The location of the registered headquarters may be altered by a decision of the General Assembly.

### **Article 3 – Definition of CPLOL**

A: CPLOL is recognised by French authorities as a Non-Governmental Organisation.

B: CPLOL is the European umbrella organisation of professional associations of speech and language therapists – logopaedists.

## SECTION II – PROFESSIONAL TITLES

### Article 4 – Definition of professional titles

Speech and language therapists - logopaedists shall be defined as the holders of a diploma/qualification specific to Speech and Language Therapy - Logopaedics, which is particular to each country, or which is officially recognised by the competent authority of any country in which no Speech and Language Therapy - Logopaedics training exists, subject to the provisions of EC General Directive No 89/48 dated 21 December 1988, and directive 2005/36 dated 7 September 2005. In each of the member countries, the title given to the professional is as follows:

AUSTRIA	<i>Logopäde/in</i>
BELGIUM	<i>Logopède / Logopedist</i>
BULGARIA	<i>Logopède / Logopedist</i>
CYPRUS	<i>Logopathologos / Logotherapeftis</i>
CZECH REPUBLIC	<i>Logoped</i>
DENMARK	<i>Talepædagog / Logopæd / Audiologopæd</i>
ESTONIA	<i>Logopeed</i>
FINLAND	<i>Puheterapeutti</i>
FRANCE	<i>Orthophoniste</i>
GERMANY	<i>Logopäd/in</i>
GREECE	<i>Logopedikos / Logopathologos / Logotherapeftis</i>
HUNGARY	<i>Logopédus</i>
ICELAND	<i>talmeinafræðingur / talkennari</i>
IRELAND	<i>Speech and Language Therapist</i>
ITALY	<i>Logopedista</i>
LATVIA	<i>Skolotājs logopēds /audiologopēds</i>
LITHUANIA	<i>Logopedas</i>
LUXEMBOURG	<i>Orthophoniste</i>
MALTA	<i>Speech-Language Pathologist /Speech Therapist</i>
NETHERLANDS	<i>Logopedist</i>
NORWAY	<i>Logoped</i>
PORTUGAL	<i>Terapeuta da fala</i>
ROMANIA	<i>Logoped</i>
SLOVAKIA	<i>Logopéd</i>
SLOVENIA	<i>Logoped/logopedinja</i>
SPAIN	<i>Logopeda</i>
SWEDEN	<i>Logoped</i>
SWITZERLAND	<i>Logopédiste/ Diplomierte/e Logopäde/in</i>
UNITED KINGDOM	<i>Speech and Language Therapist</i>

## **SECTION III – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Article 5 – Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of the Organisation are:

A: To represent the member professional associations to the European and international political, parliamentary and administrative authorities.

B: To promote, within member countries of the EU -

- freedom of movement and the right of members of the profession to practise in the countries of the EU
- the co-ordination of conditions for the practice of speech and language therapy - logopaedics
- the equivalence of qualifications
- the harmonisation of legislation relating to the profession
- the exchange of scientific knowledge and research in the fields of speech and language therapy - logopaedics
- the harmonisation of standards and quality of initial training and continuing education.

C: To study regulations and decisions made by European authorities affecting speech and language therapy - logopaedics, and to submit projects and proposals to these authorities.

D: To promote meetings with EU liaison committees representing other professions, which have common interests with speech and language therapists - logopedists?

E: To provide assistance to member associations if the proposals made are of common interest.

F: To organise European scientific congresses for speech and language therapists – logopaedists.

G: To publish any scientific and professional materials consistent with the CPLOL mission and the interests of the profession.

H: To have contacts with professional and scientific associations of speech and language therapists world-wide.

I: To study and publish any document relating to European Speech and Language Therapy.

J: To provide expert advice in Speech and Language Therapy / Logopaedics to any political, parliamentary or administrative authority or any recognised association, on request.

K: To facilitate the development of the profession by taking into membership new associations which meet the membership criteria as defined in Articles 7, 8 below.

## **SECTION IV – COMPOSITION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **Article 6 – Member Associations**

The following professional associations are currently members of CPLOL:

Associação Portuguesa de Terapeutas da Fala – PORTUGAL

Association Luxembourgeoise des Orthophonistes - GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Association of Speech-Language Pathologists Malta – MALTA

Association Romande des Logopédistes Diplômés – SWITZERLAND

Asociația Specialiștilor În Terapia Tulburărilor De Limbaj Din România - ROMANIA

Asociace klinických logopedů ČR – CZECH REPUBLIC

Asociacion de Graduados y Diplomados Universitarios en Logopedia - SPAIN

Audiologopædisk Forening - DENMARK

Berufsverband logopädieaustria – AUSTRIA

Bulgarian National Association of Logopedists - BULGARIA

Σύλλογος Λογοπαθολόγων-Λογοθεραπευτών Κύπρου - CYPRUS

Consejo General de Colegios de Logopedas, SPAIN

Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie – GERMANY

Deutschschweizer Logopädinnen- und Logopädenverband - SWITZERLAND

Društvo logopedov Slovenije – SLOVENIA

Eesti Logopeedide Ühing – ESTONIA

Fédération Nationale des Orthophonistes - FRANCE

Federazione Logopedisti Italiani – ITALY

Félag talmeinafræðinga á Íslandi – ICELAND

Hrvatsko Logopedsko Društvo - CROATIA

Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists – IRELAND

Latvijas Logopēdu Asociācija – LATVIA

Lietuvos logopedų asociacija - LITHUANIA

Национално Сдружение на Логопедите в България – BULGARIA

*Magyar Logopédusok Szakmai Szövetsége – HUNGARY/ HONGRIE*

Nederlandse Vereniging voor Logopedie en Foniatrie - NETHERLANDS

Norsk Logopedlag – NORWAY

Πανελλήνιος Σύλλογος Λογοπεδικών - GREECE

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists - UNITED KINGDOM

Slovenská asociácia logopedov – SLOVAKIA

Suomen Puheterapeuttiliitto ry - FINLAND

Svenska Logopedförbundet - SWEDEN

Union Nationale pour le Développement de la Recherche et d'Evaluation en Orthophonie - FRANCE

Union Professionnelle des Logopèdes Francophones - BELGIUM

Vlaamse Vereniging voor Logopedisten - BELGIUM

Any new application for membership shall be submitted to existing members for approval.

### **Article 7 – Observer members**

A: Associations representative of the profession in countries which are members of the European Free Trade Association may apply for full membership.

B: Associations representative of the profession in European countries which are not members of the European Union may apply for observer membership.

C: Such observer members will pay an annual subscription as determined by the General Assembly.

D: Observer members are not entitled to vote; they will be invited on a regular basis to attend all types of statutory meetings

### **Article 8 – Admission to CPLOL**

A: The General Assembly of CPLOL shall have the overriding right of decision on the admission of new associations into CPLOL. The decision shall be made by a two-thirds majority of those present, and shall be based on the following criteria:

- representativeness
- ability to meet the aims and objectives of CPLOL
- particular specialism
- any other criterion relevant to CPLOL
- quality of training.

B: In the event that an SLT professional association submits an application for membership, the executive committee of CPLOL may permit the association to send an observer, without prejudice, in a purely consultative role, whilst waiting for the decision regarding their application. In the event that an application for membership of CPLOL is received from a country already represented within CPLOL, the Internal Regulations shall be applied to the process.

C: If an association does not comply with the above criteria (Article 8A), the General Assembly of CPLOL may resolve to exclude it, based on a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

### **Article 9 – Delegates**

Each country may be represented at the General Assembly and Commissions by a maximum of two delegates, who must be speech and language therapists/logopaedists, appointed by the member association or associations, chosen from amongst their members and duly mandated by them.

## **SECTION V – ADMINISTRATION – ACCOUNTS**

### **Article 10 – The General Assembly**

The governing, decision-making and planning body of CPLOL shall be the General Assembly, from member associations,.

A: The General Assembly is composed of two delegates from each country which is a full member of CPLOL. These delegates shall be appointed under the terms of Article 9 of these Statutes. Where a country is represented by more than one association, the allocation of the two seats shall be decided by the national associations concerned.

B: Others who may attend the General Assembly as observers within the limits set by these regulations, with no voting rights are:

1. Representatives of observer countries
2. Additional delegates of member countries, within the limits set by the Internal Regulations.

C: Each country from which the office bearer (President, General Secretary, and Treasurer) comes may co-opt another delegate to ensure representation within each commission. Co-opted representatives may attend the General Assembly. The voting rights will be assigned between the delegates by each association. No more than two votes per country may be assigned.

D: The Ordinary General Assembly of CPLOL shall meet once every three years, convened by the Executive Committee in accordance with a detailed agenda. At each Ordinary General Assembly, the General Secretary shall put the minutes of the previous Assembly to the vote.

E: In addition to these ordinary meetings, extraordinary meetings may be convened at the request either of the Executive Committee, or by at least one third of member associations. In this case, the convocation shall follow the same rules as those laid down in the previous paragraph.

F: The convocation shall be sent by email to the member associations AND their delegated representatives at least two months before the date of the General Assembly set by the Executive Committee.

### **Article 11 – The role of the Ordinary General Assembly**

The Ordinary General Assembly shall lay down the main lines of policy for CPLOL by:

- setting out a programme of action for CPLOL to be followed between ordinary General Assemblies
- setting up commissions as required
- approving the financial accounts for the previous years
- voting on the report of the organisation's activities *for* the previous mandate
- electing the Executive Committee of CPLOL
- making alterations to the Statutes where required
- fixing the subscription rate
- appointing the auditor(s)
- setting out all internal, general and special regulations as it deems useful and necessary for its own operation.



## **Article 12 – The Executive Committee**

A: The Executive Committee is the body responsible for carrying out the decisions of the General Assembly. It is also responsible for managing CPLOL between meetings of the General Assembly on the basis of policies laid down. It accounts for its activities to each General Assembly.

B: Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly.

C: Candidates for positions on the Executive Committee shall be submitted by member associations of CPLOL.

D: Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected within the terms of the Internal Regulations.

E: In the event that any member resigns or a post falls vacant, the Executive Committee shall have the right where appropriate to co-opt a replacement to take over the responsibility and duties of the vacant post until a vote can be carried out at the next General Assembly.

F: The Executive Committee shall be constituted as follows:

- One President, who shall represent CPLOL in dealing with all EU authorities
- One General Secretary, responsible for general administration.
- One Treasurer, responsible for the finances of CPLOL.
- Four Vice-Presidents, responsible for the work of the commissions and committees as designated by the General Assembly.

A definition of each Vice Presidency is described in the Internal Regulations. For each of these posts, a maximum of two consecutive terms of office is permitted.

G: Each candidate for one of the Executive Committee posts must be proposed by the candidate's own member association.

H: The Executive Committee shall be composed of members from at least six different countries.

I: The Executive Committee may have recourse to experts and/or project managers for specific purposes and for fixed periods of time.

## **Article 13 – Quorum**

A quorum of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of taking decisions, shall consist of at least half of the constituent members.

## **Article 14 – Votes**

The number of votes that can be cast by each full member country is determined within the Internal regulations (Article 13). All votes shall be taken by a show of hands, unless one of the members present expressly requests otherwise.

A decision is adopted by a relative majority. In the event of an equal number of votes for and against a proposal the status quo will prevail.

### **Article 15 – Accounts**

The funds of CPLOL shall consist of subscriptions from member associations, subsidies if granted, resources from CPLOL activities, and sundry gifts or legacies.

### **Article 16 – Subscription**

Each member association of CPLOL shall pay the annual subscription decided by the General Assembly before 31st March; if the subscription has not been paid by this date, the association concerned shall be given observer status and shall lose its voting rights. If the subscription has not been paid by 1st September, the association shall automatically lose its membership of CPLOL.

### **Article 17 – Subscription amount**

The subscription shall be fixed in EUROS in proportion to the number of members of the profession belonging to each association.

### **Article 18 – Management and audit of accounts**

(a) The funds shall be paid into a separate bank account opened in the name of CPLOL.

(b) The General Assembly will appoint at least one auditor and one deputy, to oversee CPLOL's financial affairs. The auditors shall report to the ordinary general assemblies. They shall be elected for six years, in accordance with French legal requirements.

### **Article 19 – Reimbursement of expenses**

All travel and accommodation expenses directly related to CPLOL activities for official delegates of member associations as listed under Article 6 and invited experts (re Article 12.I) shall be met from CPLOL funds. All elected posts, whatever nature, shall be unpaid.

### **Article 20 – Grants**

CPLOL shall submit requests for subsidies or financing to the European Authorities or any other willing organisation, as and when required.

## **SECTION VI – OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

### **Article 21 – Languages**

Documents prepared by the Executive Committee shall be drawn up in both English and in French in accordance with French law.

### **Article 22 – Translation**

The President will ensure that oral interjections are translated into the official

languages as necessary or at the request of at least one participant.

### **Article 23 – Minutes**

After each meeting, minutes shall be sent to the members of CPLOL in both English and French.

## **SECTION VII – ALTERATIONS TO STATUTES**

### **Article 24 – Alterations to statutes**

The statutes may be altered by any meeting of the General Assembly of CPLOL. However, proposals to alter the statutes shall be sent to member associations, at least **two** months in advance.

## **SECTION VIII – DISSOLUTION**

### **Article 25 – Dissolution**

Should it be decided to dissolve CPLOL for whatever reason, member associations shall by agreement allocate any assets to one or more of the professional associations of speech and language therapists - logopaedists from EU member countries.

The dissolution of CPLOL may only be decided by a General Meeting specially convened for this purpose and attended by delegates from at least two thirds of the member countries.

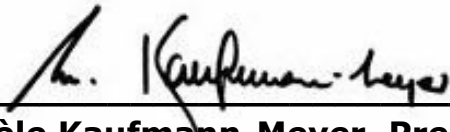
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