# Statutes of the Association under the 1901 Law PAPOTAGE INTERNATIONAL DIJON

Modified Version (1), at the EGM of July 24, 2025

### 1. ARTICLE 1: NAME

An association governed by the law of July 1, 1901, and the decree of August 16, 1901, is established between the signatories of these statutes, under the name: Papotage International Dijon.

#### 2. ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The association aims to strengthen ties between locals, expatriates, international students, and travelers in Dijon through:

- Friendly meetings,
- Linguistic exchanges in French and foreign languages,
- Fun, cultural, and social activities promoting conviviality, intercultural openness, and inclusion.

The association promotes a kind, respectful, non-commercial, and non-romantic space. It aims to create a community where everyone can express themselves freely, learn, and build connections within a safe environment.

The association is non-profit.

#### 3. ARTICLE 3: REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office is located at:

31 rue Général Charles de Nansouty, 21000 Dijon

It may be transferred by a simple decision of the Board of Directors.

#### 4. ARTICLE 4: DURATION

The duration of the association is unlimited.

### 5. ARTICLE 5: COMPOSITION

The association is composed of:

- Founding members: signatories of these statutes,
- Active members: regular participants in activities, committed to respecting the community rules.

### **6. ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP AND FEES**

- Anyone who has participated in at least two events may become an active member.
- Membership is free of charge.
- The General Assembly may decide to set an annual fee or an entrance fee, which will remain optional.
- The association also accepts voluntary donations, which may be made by members or any
  other person or organization wishing to support its activities. These donations confer no
  special privileges and do not condition membership. Their use is detailed in financial reports
  presented to the General Assembly.

### 7. ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership ends by:

- Voluntary departure from the main WhatsApp group of the association, which is considered a resignation, unless otherwise explicitly requested or justified to the leadership team,
- Death,
- Expulsion for serious reasons, notably in case of breach of community rules, inappropriate behavior, or harm to the safety or values of the association.
  - The concerned member is informed in writing and given 15 days to present their observations.
  - The decision is made by the Board of Directors by simple majority.

## 8. ARTICLE 8: RESOURCES

The resources include:

- Voluntary donations, sponsorship, or private assistance,
- Public subsidies (State, local authorities...),
- Exceptional income from occasional activities approved at the General Assembly,
- All resources authorized by law.

The association has no profit motive. Any ancillary commercial activity must be authorized by the General Assembly.

# 9. ARTICLE 9: GOVERNANCE

The association is managed by a Board of Directors composed of 2 members elected for a 2-year term.

The Board elects an Executive Committee, composed at minimum of:

- A President,
- A Secretary,
- A Treasurer.

The same person may hold several positions within the Executive Committee, subject to Board approval. This option ensures the association's continuity in case of reduced membership.

The community rules set the procedures for operation, delegation, and decision-making of the Board and Executive Committee.

#### 10. ARTICLE 10: ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) gathers all members at least once a year (usually in September).

The notice is sent at least 15 days prior via the WhatsApp community.

Quorum:

- First call: 25% of members present or represented.
- Second call: 10% suffices.
   Decisions are made by simple majority.

The Executive Committee presents the moral, activity, and financial reports.

#### 11. ARTICLE 11: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) is convened for any amendment to the statutes, dissolution, or exceptional act.

It can be requested by: half plus one of active members or the Board of Directors.

The quorum required is two-thirds of members present or represented.

Decisions are made by a qualified two-thirds majority.

## 12. ARTICLE 12: COMMUNITY RULES

The community rules specify:

- The rules of community life,
- The composition of the Board,
- Operating procedures,
- Safety principles,
- The use of communication tools and photos.

They are established by the Board, submitted to the General Assembly, and available on the association's website.

All members commit to respecting them.

Failure to comply may lead to exclusion.

# 13. ARTICLE 13: DISSOLUTION

Dissolution is pronounced according to Article 11 procedures.

One or more liquidators are appointed by the EGA.

The net assets are allocated to a public-interest or associative organization pursuing similar objectives.

No assets may be distributed among members.

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