



# Гутавигс

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**The Charter of the International Public Organization "International Public Organization of Gothic Language and Culture Gutawigs" was approved in a new edition at the Second Conference on 15.02.2021.**

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## 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The International Public Organization "International Public Organization of Gothic Language and Culture Gutawigs", (hereinafter - the Organization), is a membership-based international public self-governing non-profit organization and carries out its activities in accordance with the Constitution of Romania, the legislation in force in Romania and in the states where its structural units are located, the generally recognized norms and principles of international law, international treaties of Romania and these Charter.

1.2. Full official name in Russian: «Международная общественная организация готского языка и культуры Гутавигс». Hereinafter referred to as Gutawigs.

1.3. Full official name in Gothic language: «Alafairhuiska gamainduᅢs gutiskaizos razdos jah kunjahaidaus gutane Gutawigs».

1.4. Full official name in English: «International public organization of the gothic language and culture Gutawigs».

1.5. Full official name in Romanian: «Organizația publică internațională a limbii și culturii gotice Gutawigs».

1.6. Official abbreviated of the Organization in Russian: МОО «Гутавигс».

1.7. Official abbreviated of the Organization in Gothic language: AG «Gutawigs».

1.8. Official abbreviated of the Organization in English: INGO «Gutawigs».

1.9. Official abbreviated of the Organization in Romanian: OPI «Gutawigs».

1.10. The location of the INGO is Timisoara, Romania.

1.11. The activities of the Organization are based on the principles of voluntariness, equality, self-government, and legality.

1.12. The activities of the Organization are public, and information about its founding and program documents is publicly available.

1.13. The organization carries out its activities without state registration and without acquiring the rights of a legal entity.

1.14. The General Meeting of Members of the Council of the Organization (Conference) may at any time decide on the state registration of the Public Organization.

1.15. Organizations have the right to have stamps and letterheads with their name, as well as a duly registered emblem.

1.16. Members of the Organization shall not retain any rights to the property they have transferred to the Organization, including membership dues.

1.17. Members of the Organization shall not be liable for the obligations of the Organization, and the Organization shall not be liable for the obligations of its members.

1.18. The Organization operates within the territory of the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus, Romania, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, the Hellenic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United States of America, Canada, Brazil, the Kingdom of Spain, Portugal, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the French Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the United States of America.

## **2. THE GOALS OF A PUBLIC ORGANIZATION**

2.1. The purposes of the Organization are:

1) Revitalization (restoration) and popularization of the Gothic language and culture East German tribes;

2) Joining efforts to create materials for the study of the Gothic language;

3) Preservation of the historical heritage of Europe in the field of the Gothic language and culture;

4) The regulation of all activities aimed at the revitalization and use of the Gothic language and Gothic (East German) culture.

5) Representation of the Gothic language and culture as the main and first official international body overseeing the revival and development of the Gothic language and culture.

2.2. 2.2 To implement the statutory goals of the Organization has the right:

- 1) Freely disseminate information about its activities;
- 2) To establish mass media and conduct publishing activities in accordance with the procedure stipulated by the current legislation;
- 3) To represent and defend its rights, lawful rights and interests of its members, citizens, who are members of organizations, which are part of the Organization, or chapters of the Organization, as well as other citizens in state and local self-government bodies, including the courts, and public associations;
- 4) To collect, analyze and disseminate information about the history of the Goths, their language and culture, as well as related East German cultures;
- 5) To exercise to the full extent the powers prescribed by the Laws on Public Associations;
- 6) To take initiatives on various issues of public life, to submit proposals to public authorities;
- 7) To create archives, libraries and museums;
- 8) To join public associations as a member, to be a member of public associations, as well as to form unions and associations together with other non-profit organizations;
- 9) To maintain direct international contacts and connections;
- 10) To conduct entrepreneurial activities insofar as it serves to achieve the statutory goals for which the Organization was created. Income from entrepreneurial activities of the Organization cannot be redistributed among the members of the Organization, it must be used only to achieve the statutory goals;
- 11) Establish named scholarships, incentive awards, prizes, diplomas, certificates, special titles, awards of the Organization;
- 12) To establish their own documents for identification, membership in the organization and (or) determination of the status of an individual participating in the activities of the Organization, or sympathizing with its goals on the application of the established form based on the personal expression of will of such a person to obtain such a document.
- 14) To establish and issue its own passport, which is not a substitute for a national passport, but which establishes the status of persons, their identity, in relation to the Organization, regardless of their nationality.
- 15) To issue products that serve the objectives of the Organization.
- 16) To carry out research work, with or without the involvement of specialists in the fields of history, philology, linguistics, archaeology and other scientific fields, in the development and restoration of the lost parts of the Gothic language and culture of the East Germanic tribes, united by the name "Goth" on the basis of historical monuments and academic literature;
- 17) To hold meetings, rallies and demonstrations, marches and picketing;

- 18) To work on the reconstruction and reformation of the elements of the now dead East German (Gothic) language;
- 19) To promote activities for the preservation of cultural and historical monuments in any of their manifestations, East Germans and Goths in particular;
- 20) to carry out activities to unite people from different countries to overcome political, historical, linguistic and other barriers for the improvement of international, interethnic, interreligious and other relations;
- 21) to participate in the development and implementation of projects and programs aimed at the promotion and dissemination of the Gothic language in its ancient and modern forms.
- 22) To assist in the development of supranational and international relations between the peoples who are the heirs of the history, culture, genetics and language of the Gothic people;
- 23) To carry out peacemaking activities in the resolution of interethnic and interfaith conflicts.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION**

3.1. The founders of the Organization are individuals who convened a general meeting, which adopts the Charter of the Organization, and forms its governing and control and auditing bodies. The founders of the organization have equal rights and bear equal responsibilities.

3.2. The founders of the organization automatically become members of the organization, acquiring the corresponding rights and obligations.

3.3. Members of the Organization are individuals and legal entities, public associations, whose interest in the joint solution of the tasks of the Organization in accordance with the norms of this Charter is formalized by the relevant individual applications or documents, allowing to take into account the number of members of the Organization in order to ensure their equal rights as members of the Organization.

3.4. Membership is incompatible with support for extremism, nationalism in any of its forms, propaganda and activities aimed at inciting national, religious, political or social intolerance, as well as political, gender, racial and sexually oriented movements.

3.5. Members of the Organization have the right:

- 1) To receive information about the activities of the Organization within their authority and role;
- 2) To submit for consideration of the Council of the Organization and the officials of the Organization any proposals to improve its activities;
- 3) To participate in events held by the Organization;

4) To withdraw from the Organization at any time by submitting an application for withdrawal to the Chairman of the Council of the Organization. (A member of the Organization is considered to leave the Organization from the moment of submitting the application.)

3.6. Members of the Organization shall:

- 1) Contribute to the work of the Organization;
- 2) Refrain from any action (inaction) that may cause damage to the Organization;
- 3) Execute the decisions of the General Assembly and the Council of the Organization, made within their competence;
- 4) To comply with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization:
- 5) To comply with the provisions of regulations and other local normative acts of the organization.

3.7. For non-compliance with the rules of the Charter of the Organization, members may be expelled from the Organization by decision of the Chairman of the Council of the Organization.

3.8. For causing reputational damage to the organization, as well as for actions that interfere or complicate the achievement of the Organization's goals, the person or entity responsible for them can be blacklisted by the Organization with the subsequent inability to join and blocking on the Organizational Resources.

#### **4. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BODIES**

4.1. Conference of the Members of the Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Conference).

4.2. The supreme governing body of the Company is the Conference.

4.3. The Conference shall be convened by a decision of the Council of the Organization and shall be competent to consider any questions of the activities of the Organization. The date, time and place of the Conference and the rate of representation of the delegates from the Branches of the Organization shall be determined by the Council of the Organization. Delegates to the Conference are elected by the supreme governing bodies of the branches of the Organization.

4.4. The exclusive competence of the Conference shall include:

- 1) To decide on the early termination of the powers of the President of the Organization, members of the Council of the Organization and members of the Audit Commission of the Organization in the following cases: for violations of the Charter of the Organization; for activities causing moral, moral and material damage to the Organization; for non-participation in the activities of the Organization; in case of resignation from office.
- 2) To determine the priorities of the Organization's activities, the principles and sources of formation of its property.

3) To hear and approve the reports and accounts of the Organisation's Council.

4) The conference is competent if elected delegates from more than a half of the regional branches of the Organization take part in its work. The decisions of the Conference on issues within its exclusive competence are taken unanimously or by a qualified majority of votes (2/3 of votes of delegates), on other issues - by a simple majority of votes. Members of the Council of the Organization and honorary members of the Organization can participate in the Conference of the Organization with the right to vote.

4.5. Council of Organization.

4.6. Between Conferences, the activities of the Organization shall be governed by the Council of the Organization, which shall be elected indefinitely by the Conference of the Organization from among the Members of the Organization. The Council of the Organization shall consist of: The President of the Organization, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Council.

4.7. The Council of the Organization is a permanent collegial governing body of the Organization and is convened by the President of the Organization upon the application of a member of the Council. The Council is valid if all its members are present.

4.8. Extraordinary meetings of the Council of the Organization shall be convened by decision of the President of the Organization or by decision of one third of the members of the Council. Decisions of the Council of the Organization shall be taken by a majority vote of the members of the Council.

4.9. The decision of the Board of the Organization can be made without holding a meeting or a meeting by absentee voting (by ballot). Such voting may be conducted by exchange of documents by mail, telegraph, teletype, telephone, electronic or other communication, which ensures authenticity of transmitted and received messages and their documentary confirmation.

4.10. A member of the Council of the Organization has the right to delegate his/her authority to other members of the Council of the Organization upon application with his/her signature in one meeting.

4.11. The Council of the Organization decides on all current affairs of the Organization. The competence of the Council of the Society includes the following issues:

- 1) Making a decision on the state registration of the Organization as a legal entity with the right to choose the country for such registration;
- 2) Amendments and additions to the Charter of the Organization;
- 3) Termination of the powers of the Chairman of the Organization;
- 4) Admission of a Member of the Organization to the Council of the Organization;
- 5) Removal of a member of the Organization from the Council of the Organization by the remaining members of the Council unanimously;
- 6) Liquidation and reorganization of the Organization;

- 7) Changes of the flag, coat of arms, anthem of the Organization;
- 8) Cancellation of a local normative act issued by the Chairman of the Organization on the application of a member of the Council.
- 9) Initiative to issue a local normative act by the Chairman of the Organization;
- 10) Election of the new Chairman of the Organization;
- 11) Exercise of other powers, not contrary to the Charter of the Organization and the current legislation.

#### 4.12. Chairman of the Organization:

- 1) It is the sole executive body of the Organization and acts on its behalf without power of attorney;
- 2) Presides at the Conference of the Organization and ensures the implementation of its decisions;
- 3) Carries out the general management of the Organization's activities;
- 4) Presides at meetings of the Council of the Organization and ensures execution of its decisions;
- 5) May submit for consideration by the Council of the Organization candidates for members of the Council of the Organization;
- 6) Submits for consideration by the Council of the Organization candidates for Deputy Chairmen and Secretary of the Organization;
- 7) Submits for consideration of the Council of the Organization candidates for the heads of departments;
- 8) Represents the Organization without a power of attorney in state and non-governmental bodies and organizations, including international ones;
- 9) Signs documents related to the activities of the Organization on behalf of the Company;
- 10) Approves the organizational structure, staff schedule and annual budget of the Organization. Disposes of the property and funds of the Society within its competence and the estimates approved by the Board;
- 11) Distributes the duties between the members of the Council of the Organization;
- 12) Approves applications for membership in the Organization of individuals and legal entities;
- 13) Publishes local normative acts in the form of: regulations, directives, decrees, recommendations and decisions;
- 14) Decides on the expulsion of any member of the Organization at the request of a member of the Council of the Organization or without it;
- 15) Has the right of legislative initiative;

- 16) Approves the candidates for the heads of committees, departments, councils;
- 17) Exercises other powers, not contrary to the Charter of the Organization and the law.

4.13. In the absence of the President of the Organization, his powers shall be exercised by one of his deputies by written order of the President of the Organization.

4.14. The Vice-Chairmen of the Organization shall be elected from among the members of the Council of the Organization on the proposal of the Chairman of the Organization at a meeting of the Council by a simple majority vote of the members of the Council of the Organization.

4.15. The Vice-Chairmen of the Organization supervise the activities, sections, programs and projects of the Organization.

4.16. Secretary of the Organization - the person responsible for the conduct of the Council, Conference, registration of documentation, acceptance of applications for further distribution in accordance with the powers of the bodies, or heads of bodies of the Organization.

4.17. The Secretary of the Organization carries out the information activities of the Organization.

4.18. The Secretary of the Organization shall be appointed by the President of the Organization.

## **5. AUDIT COMMISSION**

5.1. The Audit Commission of the Organization is elected by the Conference of the Organization from among the members of the Organization to audit the financial and economic activities of the Organization and acts on the basis of this Charter and the Regulations approved by the Conference of the Organization. The quantitative composition, the procedure for election and recall of the members of the Audit Commission shall be determined by the Conference of the Organization.

5.2. Meetings of the Audit Commission shall be held as necessary. Meetings of the Audit Commission shall be legally competent if more than half of its members are present. Decisions are taken by a majority vote of its members. The form of voting is determined by the Audit Commission. The minutes of the Audit Commission of the Organization shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary who keeps the minutes.

5.3. The Chairman of the Auditing Committee:

- 1) Manage the Audit Commission.
- 2) Distributes the duties among the members of the Auditing commission.
- 3) Signs the documents of the Auditing commission.



4) Organizes and conducts scheduled and unscheduled inspections of financial and economic activities of the Organization.

5) Is accountable to the Conference of the Organization.

## **6. OFFICES OF ORGANIZATIONS**

6.1. In order to organize work in the areas of activity, the Council of the Organization may form chapters.

The chapters of the Organization are engaged in the development of individual or complex scientific, thematic and organizational issues and problems corresponding to the profile of the Organization.

6.2. The meeting of the branches elects the head of the section from the members of the Council of the Organization. The Council of the Organization approves the elected heads of the sections on the proposal of the President of the Organization.

6.3. The activities of the Branches are carried out in accordance with the regulations on them, approved at meetings of the Council of the Organization.

## **7. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

7.1. The structure of the Society consists of departments, committees, councils, branches, representative offices in Romania and abroad.

7.2. The Division of the Organization shall perform the functions of the management of the Organization within the authority determined by the President of the Organization.

7.3. The organization's committee performs the functions of implementing the organization's projects as well as developing them within its scope of work as determined by the President of the organization. In addition, the committee oversees the development of its scope of work, both within and outside the organization.

7.4. A Branch or Representative Office of the Organization carries out activities limited by the Council of the Organization within a country, locality, or region.

## **8. ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS RETENTION**

8.1. All documentation, including incoming applications, shall be kept by the President of the Organization or by the Secretary.

8.2. All documentation, including incoming applications, must have a digital copy to which the President of the Organization and the Secretary have access.

## **9. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES IN THE CHARTER**

9.1. Amendments and additions to the Charter of the Organization shall be made by decision of the Board of the Organization and shall come into force as of their approval.

9.2. The decision to amend or supplement the Charter of the Organization shall be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the members participating in the Council of the Organization.

## **10. SOURCES OF CAPITAL**

10.1. The property of the Organization is formed on the basis of entrance and membership fees, voluntary contributions and donations and other lawful receipts.

## **11. THE PROCEDURE FOR LIQUIDATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

11.1. The liquidation of the Organization shall be carried out by decision of the Board of the Organization

## **12. ORGANIZATION'S SYMBOLICS**

12.1. Coat of Arms of the Organization: Gothic fibula in the form of an eagle folded its wings, made in the Ostrogothic style.

12.2. Flag of the Organization: Horizontal tricolor (yellow, red, black) starting from the top, on it a Gothic fibula in the form of an eagle, looking to the right.

12.3. Flag of the Austrowigs Division: Scandinavian cross of blue color with a yellow frame on a black background with a Gothic fibula in the form of an eagle in the crosshair, looking to the right.

12.4. Flag of the Wistrawigs Division: Scandinavian cross in red with a yellow frame on a black background with a Gothic fibula in the form of an eagle in the crosshair, looking to the left.