

One Hour for Europe Bylaws



One Hour for Europe is a network of volunteers. Its aims are to maintain a continuous dialogue amongst peers and institutions, to sponsor activities in citizens' best interest, to get the citizenry involved in initiatives and actions led by the EU, to raise people's awareness of the European dimension, and to spread correct information about the EU and what the EU is and does.

In order to create scattered power and encourage self-organisation, One Hour for Europe has a decentralised structure.

One Hour for Europe respects these documents:

- Charter of fundamental rights of the EU
- General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR)
- Treaty on European Union (TEU)
- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- European Convention on Human Rights
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD)(2006)
- Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (1990)
- Yogyakarta Principles
- UN Rio declaration on environment and development (1992)
- Paris Agreement (2015)

In observance of not listed documents recognised by the European community.

1. **Title I: Principles**

art.1 Transparency

Decisions and actions shall be agreed upon in transparency.

art.2 Participation

Decisions and actions shall involve every member of One Hour for Europe given that they are respectful of this Bylaws, of the One Hour for Europe Manifesto, and of the One Hour for Europe Operative Document.

art.3 Reasonable Decision

Decisions and actions shall be pursued according to the particular nature of the circumstances involved.

art.4 Proportionality

Decisions and actions should not be more severe than is necessary. No action shall exceed what is necessary to achieve its objectives.

art. 5 Synergy

Decisions and actions shall be taken through interaction and cooperation, in order to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of its components.

art.6 Accountability

Each person shall understand and accept the consequences of their actions in the areas of which they assume responsibility.

art. 7 Meritocracy

Success and role allocation depend primarily on individual talents, abilities, and effort.

art. 8 Locality

Decisions and actions shall consider the different needs and features of local environments.

art. 9 Diversity

Decisions and actions shall not be a deterrent against the formation of new thoughts or solutions and pluralism in every form shall be preserved.

art. 10 Privacy

Personal information should be kept confidential unless it is offered specific consent to such information.

art.11 Sustainability

Sustainability encourages people, politics, and businesses to make decisions based on the long term. In this way, acting sustainably encompasses a temporal framework of decades, addressing the needs of future generations and meeting human development goals.

art.12 Sincere cooperation

Each volunteer has the duty to assist the colleagues of One Hour for Europe with good faith and good will to pursue the Bylaw's objectives.

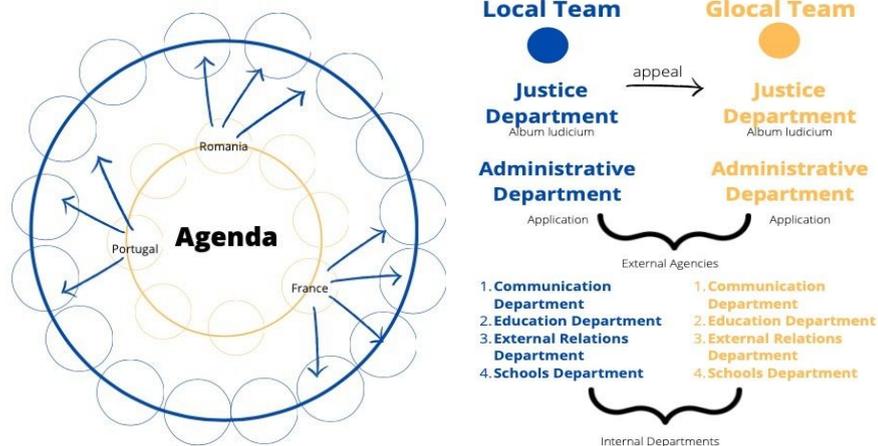
art.13 Equal opportunities

The right to be treated without discrimination, especially on the grounds of one's gender, ethnicity, physical conditions, religion or age.

art. 14 Good Faith

Sincere intention to deal fairly with others, a sincere belief or motive without any malice or the desire to defraud others.

2. Title II: Organizational structure and Constitutive Rules



1. Glocal Team

The Glocal Team guides the Local Teams of its Country, it is composed of 4 coordinators elected democratically and two Coordinators elected indirectly. Elections are held every 2 years in each State. The Local Teams elect the Glocal Team. The Glocal Team joins the Glocal Collegial Meeting.

a. Composition:

Each Coordinator is responsible for one of the following Departments 1. Communication 2. Education 3. External Relations 4. Schools 5. Administration 6. Justice

a.1. Communication Glocal Coordinator, Education Glocal Coordinator, External Relations Glocal Coordinator and Schools Glocal Coordinator are elected directly by the Local Teams.

a.2. Administration Glocal Coordinator and Justice Glocal Coordinator are elected by the Communication Glocal Coordinator, Education Glocal Coordinator, External Relations Glocal Coordinator and Schools Glocal Coordinator.

b. Rights:

Each Coordinator shall take initiatives, shall be independent, shall check that the Local Teams comply with the Agenda, shall represent the Glocal Team.

c. Duties:

Each coordinator shall not go against this Bylaws, the One Hour for Europe Manifesto and the One Hour for Europe Operative Document. Each coordinator shall terminate their mandate (special cases will be considered individually). Each Coordinator shall implement the Agenda with creativity. Each coordinator is personally liable and responsible for their actions. Each coordinator shall decide in the name of the common good. Each coordinator shall be an incentive and be available to help the Local Teams.

2. Local Team

The Local Team is the city unit composed of four coordinators elected democratically and two Coordinators elected indirectly and it is supported by the Collaborators. Elections are held every 2 years in each city. The Collaborators elect the Local Team, unless they do not reach the 6 components. The Coordinators and Collaborators meet other Local Teams in the Local Collegial Meeting. The Local Teams join the Glocal Meeting.

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Elect the Glocal Team, each Coordinator shall take initiatives, shall be independent, shall check that the Glocal Teams comply with the Agenda, shall represent the Local Team.

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d. On the autonomy of local teams:

Since Local Teams are more aware of the peculiarities of their territory, they shall implement the Agenda and the initiatives with freedom, taking into account the necessities and features of their region. Each Local Team has the chance to propose and bring forward new initiatives independently from their Glocal Team, if by doing so they are following the annual Agenda's priorities.

e. Collaborators:

The Collaborators are all the members of the Local Team other than the Coordinators.

e.1. Powers: The Collaborators elect the Local Team Coordinators. They can vote to make decisions.

e.2. Rights: The Collaborators can propose activities to the Coordinators. The Collaborators have the right to be heard by the Coordinators.

e.3. Duties: The Collaborators can join one of the Departments and work with its Coordinators and the others Collaborators.

3. Collegial meetings

The Collegial meetings are the three cores of the coordination of the network.

a. Local Collegial Meetings:

The Local Teams have the autonomy to do assembly with other Local Teams.

b. Glocal Meeting:

The Glocal Team in one state meets the Local Teams.

c. Glocal Collegial Meeting:

The Glocal Teams meet to propose and vote the Agenda and can modify the Manifesto or the Operative Document.

3. Title III: Transnational justice

- a. Who: Every member of One Hour for Europe can apply to be signed in the *Album Iudicium* by the Local or Glocal Justice Department in order to become an available layperson to judge over a case.
- b. When: The plaintiff and the defendant shall apply for 3 layperson to the Justice Department preparing and issuing a letter exposing the facts of the case from their two points of view.
- c. How: The 3 laypersons are taken randomly from the *Album Iudicium* by the Glocal Justice Department. In reasonable time the layperson shall write three opinions and issue a final judgment declaring which of the parties is considered to be right.
- d. Tools: The 3 laypersons can decide to provide for 1. Suspension 2. Loss of Status 3. Expulsion 4. Formal Warning or acquittal.
- e. Appeal: The party which is not satisfied of the judgement can appeal from the Local Justice Department to one of the Judicial Departments of each member state. Only one appeal is allowed reporting the first judgement and the letters of the two parties to the Judicial Department chosen by the parties.

4. Title IV: External Agencies:

- a. Justice Department:
 1. Local: The Local Justice Department is composed by one Local Justice Coordinator appointed by the Local Team. The duty of this figure is to ensure that the proceedings of the Transnational Justice are respected and ask the Glocal Justice Coordinator for 3 laypersons to try the case.

2.Glocal: The Glocal Justice Department is composed by one Glocal Justice Coordinator appointed by the Glocal Team. The duty of this figure is to insert the name of the applicant layperson in the *Album Iudicium*, to take from *Album Iudicium* three random laypersons and to ensure that the proceedings of the Transnational Justice are respected.

b. Administration Department:

1. Local: The Local Administrative Department is composed by one Administration Coordinator decided by the Local Team. The duty of this figure is to hold a register of the local members and oversee the procedure of election of the new Local Team before its dissolution.

2.Glocal: The Glocal Administrative Department is composed by one Administration Coordinator decided by the Glocal Team. The duty of this figure is to hold a register of the Local Teams and the Glocal Team and it oversees the procedure of election of the new Glocal Team before its dissolution.

ATTENTION:

1. None shall take on two roles at the same time, neither locally nor glocally. The only exception is to fulfil layperson duty.
2. Each member is personally liable.
3. One Hour for Europe is a-partitical and secular.
4. It is possible to add departments or vices.
5. The person that is leaving its role shall educate and help the incoming volunteer.
6. One Hour for Europe fosters a scientific *forma mentis*.
7. Detailed information about the present Bylaws, such as Meetings, Departments, and Team Creation procedures can be found in the Operative Document.

