

Statutes of the Digital Goods & Assets Association (DGAA)

Registered Office: Lucerne Date: 10 October 2025

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Art. 1 Name, Registered Office and Legal Form

1. Under the name “Digital Goods & Assets Association (DGAA)”, an association within the meaning of Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC) exists.
2. The registered office of the association is at the seat of the administrative office.
3. The association is politically and denominationally independent.
4. For the promotion of its objectives, the association may establish branches, national or international chapters or representations.

Art. 2 Purpose

1. The association aims to safeguard, promote and represent the common economic, technical, legal and political interests of companies, organisations and institutions active in the field of digital goods and assets.
2. In particular, the association is committed to: – fair, innovation-friendly regulatory framework conditions; – high standards of transparency, data protection, security and ethical conduct; – knowledge transfer, continuing education and networking of its members; – constructive dialogue with politics, authorities, business, academia and civil society.
3. The association does not pursue any commercial purpose. Commercial activities are permitted only insofar as they serve the fulfilment of the association’s purpose and are of subordinate importance.
4. Any surplus funds shall be used exclusively to achieve the association’s purpose.

Art. 3 Means to Achieve the Purpose

In order to fulfil its tasks, the association may in particular:

1. organise or support specialist events, conferences, workshops, publications and studies;
2. establish working groups and expert committees;
3. prepare statements and position papers;
4. enter into cooperation with domestic and foreign organisations;
5. provide services for members;
6. generate funds through membership fees, participation fees, sponsoring, project-related grants, publications or services.

Art. 4 Membership

1. The association recognises the following categories of membership: – Ordinary members – Supporting members – persons or organisations that financially support the association – Honorary members – personalities appointed by the General Assembly
2. The voting rights of members are determined according to the respective membership category in accordance with separate regulations.
3. The Executive Board decides on the admission of new members upon written application.
4. In the event of rejection of a membership application, an appeal may be lodged with the General Assembly within 30 days. The decision of the General Assembly is final.

5. Membership ends upon resignation, exclusion or dissolution of the legal entity.

Art. 5 Rights and Obligations of Members

1. Members have voting and election rights in accordance with their membership category.
2. Supporting and honorary members have no voting rights, but are entitled to submit motions and to participate.
3. All members undertake to safeguard the interests and reputation of the association and to pay the membership fees on time.
4. The amount of the membership fees is determined annually by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Board.

Art. 6 Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the association are:

1. the General Assembly (GA)
2. the Executive Board
3. the Administrative Office
4. any Advisory Board or specialist committees
5. the Auditors.

Art. 7 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the supreme body of the association.
2. It is held at least once a year; extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened by the Executive Board or at the request of one fifth of the members.
3. Invitations and agenda items shall be sent in writing (e-mail is sufficient) at least 20 days in advance.
4. The General Assembly may be held physically, online or in written form (e.g. by e-mail or digital voting). Resolutions adopted in written or electronic procedures have the same validity as resolutions of an in-person General Assembly.
5. In particular, the General Assembly has the following duties: – approval of the annual report, annual accounts and budget; – discharge of the Executive Board; – election of the Executive Board, the President and the Auditors; – determination of membership fees; – resolutions on amendments to the statutes and dissolution; – admission of honorary members.
6. Resolutions are adopted by a simple majority of the voting members present. In the event of a tie, the Chair has the casting vote.
7. Amendments to the statutes require a two-thirds majority.

Art. 8 Executive Board

1. The Executive Board is the executive body of the association.
2. It consists of at least two members, including the President and at least one additional member.
3. The Executive Board is elected for a term of office of two years. Re-election is permitted.
4. The Executive Board: – manages the affairs of the association and represents it externally; – decides on the admission and exclusion of members; – prepares the General Assembly; – prepares the budget and annual accounts; – decides on the use of funds within the framework of the budget; – appoints the Managing Director.
5. The Executive Board may issue regulations (e.g. rules of procedure, expense regulations, signing authority regulations).

6. The association is legally bound by the joint signature of two members of the Executive Board authorised to sign.
7. Members of the Executive Board must disclose any potential conflicts of interest and refrain from decision-making in the relevant cases.

Art. 9 Administrative Office

1. The Executive Board may establish an administrative office to conduct the ongoing business.
2. It is headed by a Managing Director.
3. The administrative office is responsible for member services, communication, finances and the implementation of the strategic decisions of the Executive Board.

Art. 10 Advisory Board / Specialist Committees

1. The Executive Board may appoint an Advisory Board for professional support.
2. Thematic specialist groups or working groups may also be established.
3. Composition and tasks are defined in separate regulations.

Art. 11 Signing Authority

As a rule, the association may only be legally bound by joint signature of two persons. Otherwise, the signing authority is regulated in the rules of procedure.

Art. 12 Election of the Auditors

Upon proposal of the Executive Board, the General Assembly elects the Auditors annually. Members of the Executive Board may not be members of the Auditors.

Art. 13 Duties of the Auditors

1. The Auditors examine the annual accounts.
2. The Auditors submit to the Executive Board, for the attention of the General Assembly, a motion for approval or rejection of the annual accounts and for the granting of discharge to the Executive Board.

Art. 14 Data Protection

1. The association processes personal data of its members exclusively for the purpose of managing the association.
2. Disclosure to third parties takes place only if this is necessary for the association's activities or if the member has expressly consented.
3. Upon resignation, personal data will be deleted unless statutory retention obligations exist.

Art. 15 Finances and Liability

1. For the obligations of the association, only the association's assets are liable.
2. Personal liability of the members is excluded.
3. The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

Art. 16 Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the association may only be resolved by a General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose and requires a two-thirds majority.
2. Any remaining association assets shall be transferred to a tax-exempt organisation with a similar purpose.
3. Distribution of assets among the members is excluded.

Art. 17 Final Provisions

1. These statutes enter into force upon their approval by the founding General Assembly.
2. For all matters not regulated herein, the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC, Art. 60 et seq.) shall apply.

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