

## **A COLLECTIVE, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROJECT - IN AN OPEN AND DYNAMIC SPACE**

**In a European context marked notably by the rise of populism, civil society and members of these countries, facilitators are encouraged to play a major role in the future of the European plan, by working as closely as possible with citizens to make them 'live Europe'. It is through the mobilisation of each Euro-citizen in his own jurisdiction that Europe can overcome the major challenges of the various societal, political, climatic, digital and cultural challenges the 21st century presents.**

**A unifying body, Europa Nantes forms part of a wider European policy aimed at making every citizen an active participant in Europe. Nantes Métropole, along with the Loire-Atlantique and Pays de la Loire regions are the local centres activating this policy.**

**Set right in the heart of the creative district, Europa Nantes is part of a living and dynamic ecosystem, open to Europe and indelibly linked to the worlds of social associations, media, economy, culture, art, invention and the world of academia.**

### **I. Values**

**To live up to this ambition, Europa Nantes is based on the values of openness, creativity and exchange.**

## **OPEN AND INNOVATIVE**

- **A visible place, accessible to all citizens wishing to learn about Europe and discover the opportunities it offers**
- **A place for economic facilitators seeking to discover methods of inter-community development**
- **A welcoming and friendly workplace for everyone**
- **A space that encourages understanding of cultural, linguistic, political and economic diversity**
- **A space conducive to debate, for the exchange of opinions and experiences**
- **A space for reflection on the many different challenges facing Europe in a global context**
- **A space that contributes to the development of a European citizenship**

## **CREATIVE and DYNAMIC**

**The space will:**

- **Allow the creation of links between the various facilitators (associative, social, educational, cultural, political and economic) in order to build and maintain projects which both complement and innovate**
- **Promote the emergence of individual/ collective, casual or sustainable initiatives**
- **Stimulate and enhance the realisation of experimental projects, based on the collective skills assembled within the structure**
- **Develop an audience, and maintain links with citizens in Europe and beyond**
- **Support mobility actions across Europe**

## **PARTICIPATIVE**

**Define collectively and share with all members the priority guidelines of Europa Nantes**

**Develop, implement and promote appropriate actions under the auspices of the guidelines**

**Call on members to assimilate opinions and analysis on actions planned or realised**

**Develop and maintain links with local, national and Europe-wide associative, professional and business partners**

## **II. THE OBJECTIVES**

**Unique within Europe, the unifying body of Europa Nantes has set the following objectives:**

**\* OPEN AND INNOVATIVE:**

- **To be an easily identifiable showcase for Europe in Nantes**
- **Communicate on available resources, activities and all events**
- **Establish a place of shared, ambitious and modern communication**

**\* EVERYONE IS WELCOME:**

- **To organise a welcoming reception area, the coordination of which will be shared by each of the permanent on-site teams (schedules, opening hours, signposting, etc)**
- **To ensure accessibility for all**

**\* PROPOSE USER-FRIENDLY SPACES FOR EVERYONE:**

- **To include co-working, meetings and meeting points, bar, exhibitions**

**CREATIVE and DYNAMIC**

- **Learn ‘differently’ about Europe:**
  - **On all European dynamics, as experienced by our citizens**
  - **Monitor current European policies and activities**
  - **Make information available to the public**
  
- **Develop a research institute of European ideas in close connection with associations, local authorities, the University and Alliance Europa:**
  - **A veritable incubator of innovative and creative collaborative projects**
  - **Accompany and create synergies between all facilitators and academia**
  
- **Design shared programmes: cultural activities, workshops, conferences, debates on European issues, exhibitions, events...**
  - **Offer linguistic and intercultural training**
  - **Provide training to understand Europe and how it works**

## **PARTICIPATIVE**

- **Link and support facilitators and partners, creating synergies**
- **Coordinate Europa Nantes programmes, associations and interested investors who share our values for improved visibility and efficiency**
- **Bring together the activities of the associations in new premises, promoting improved working conditions in a positive and constructive spirit**



### **III. Services consistent with priorities**

#### **OPEN AND INNOVATIVE:**

- **A reception area providing visitors to Europa Nantes with:**
  - **information**
  - **staff to assist with visitors' needs and expectations**
  - **direction towards relevant personnel**
  
- **A Europe Direct Information Centre (CIED) accredited by the European Commission**
  
- **A Franco-German Info Office for Youth (OFAJ) and a German Academic Exchange Info Office (DAAD)**
  
- **A company info point (partnership with local facilitators: CCI, Development Committees, COFACE, CAFANA)**
  
- **Friendly co-working spaces where each user of Europa Nantes will be able to:**
  - **Exchange opinions on European themes, and on projects**
  
- **Exhibitions, conferences, talks, debates and citizen exchanges on a variety of European issues**
  
- **A shared resource centre: a European-centred paper and digital library**
  
- **Shared communication: newsletter, website**

## **CREATIVE and DYNAMIC**

**Everyone (individual, association, company, etc) will find:**

- Access to resources (skills, tools) to develop creativity with others to complete projects**
- A programme of activities, cultural events: theatre, singing, music, dance, gastronomy, cinema, sustainable development, history of art, travel, conferences and debates on Europe, workshops of reflection...**
- Language courses for all ages and learning abilities offered via a variety of methods, and with certifications of language proficiency levels**
- An offer of training sessions on Europe (research to finance a project, etc ...)**
- Support adapted to create innovative projects within the framework of the research institute of European ideas, from subjects such as assembly to fundraising**
- Practical information for working on an internship, volunteering, or finding a job; support to host a civic service or a European volunteer**
- Information, assistance, advice and offers to help applicant companies to develop in Europe, via networking and exchange of good practices, enabling intra-community trade**

## **PARTICIPATIVE**

- Thanks to the sharing of local/ European networks of each individual or structure**
- By creating synergies between civilians, researchers, academics, the world of business, etc...**

**Each user of Europa Nantes will be able to:**

- Enrich their ideas and projects**
- Meet other European citizens**
- Participate by contributing to the construction of collective projects**

#### **IV. GOVERNANCE**

**Europa Nantes is supported and facilitated by an association, ‘Maison de l’Europe à Nantes’, re-established with both a new identity and new statutes, bringing together all the associative members in respect of their independence**

**The association is administered by an administrative council:**

- The council proposes debates, reflections and political orientations of the association, going towards a General Meeting (AGM)**
- The council implements the decisions defined by the General Meeting (AGM)**
- The council guarantees to respect the orientations of the associative projects, the ethics and the values of the association, the use of the premises**

**The council is composed of two groups:**

**- One group comprises members of the following institutions: Nantes Métropole, Departmental Council, Pays de Loire Region, University of Nantes, City of Nantes**

**- The other group comprises the following non-institutional members:**

**\* Founding associations: European Association of Education; European Movement 44; the four binational cultural centres of the European Cultural Centre (Franco-German Cultural Centre, Franco-Italian Cultural Centre, Franco-Spanish Cultural Centre, Franco-British Cultural Centre); the Junior Economic Chamber of Rezé Sud Loire**

**\* associative members**

**\* direct members**

**All the founding members have two members present on the council and two substitutes, except for the four binational cultural centres - which together have two members and two substitutes on the council - as well as the Junior Economic Chamber of Rezé Sud Loire (which is not represented on the council)**

**An office is elected by the administrative council:**

- **The office (the Bureau) implements (and ensures the implementation) of the decisions taken by the council**
- **It ensures the day-to-day management of the association in the interim between council meetings.**
- **The bureau prepares the meeting agendas, to allow objective and effective decision-making**
- **The bureau comprises a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary and Deputy Secretary - elected from among the full or alternate members of the non-institutional group**

**The creation of commissions (sub-committees):**

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- **The setting up of commissions is a way to associate administrators, volunteers and employees in projects and aspects of association life**
- **The commissions constitute a space for debate and proposals concerning the themes for which they were created, contributing towards the development of the project of the association, implementing actions**
- **The commissions have an advisory and proposal role on both the bureau and in meetings**
- **The creation of a commission, its composition, management and objectives are decided by the bureau, proposed by one or more members**
- **Commissions can be either ad-hoc or permanent**
- **A commission may be open to any member of the association such as administrators, employees, qualified personnel and regular visitors to the centre**
- **A specific commission on the management and use of the premises is created on a permanent basis - known as the premises commission:**
  - **It is registered in the statutes of the association and can submit proposals to the bureau and meetings**
  - **Its composition, powers and functions are specified in the internal regulations, according to the principle of a fair and just representation between user members, according to their degree of use of the premises. Thus it is proposed:**
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    - \* **A majority of members represented for permanent residents (in particular those who have employees and use the offices): an equality between the 4 binational centres on one side and the MDE on the other (founding members of this new project)**
    - \* **The presence of temporary residents representatives**
    - \* **Occasionally, facilitators will be able to use the premises on demand. Even if they are not represented in the commission, their requests will be considered**
- **A specific Commission on the creation and dissemination of information is created permanently - to be known as the communication commission. It will be responsible for proposing and implementing a global communication strategy, following validation**

## **V. Human and financial resources**

**The management association has a team of salaried employees enabling it to carry out its missions. Resident, permanent and/or temporary associations undertake participation in the performance of these missions, by providing paid or voluntary work time (the rules of procedure will specify the terms and conditions)**

**As part of this provision, employees or volunteers undertake to respect the functional and organisational authority of Europa Nantes, which will be defined in a Charter. Each employer association retains hierarchical authority over its employees.**

**The creation of Europa Nantes, in its new premises, requires additional resources to carry out its missions, including reception, communication and management of the resource centre.**

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