



Newropeans Membership Charter

Newropeans is a trans-European network open to all citizens of the European Union wishing to contribute actively to the democratisation of the European Union. Newropeans was established on 23 June 2005, as a political movement without any national level of organisation in order to promote democratisation of the European Union, notably with a view to participating in the European elections of 2009 and 2014.

This charter defines the reciprocal rights and obligations between Newropeans on the one side, and its members and supporters on the other side.

Article 1: The Fundamental Principles of Newropeans

All individuals wishing to join or become supporters of Newropeans must have read and understood the [Statutes of Newropeans](#) and the [Newropeans Manifesto](#) (both available on the internet portal of Newropeans) and accept that they are in full agreement with them.

Article 2: Membership of Newropeans

Newropeans draws its strength from its members and supporters, who join by paying a membership fee, and signing the current Charter.

Joining as a member confers the right to vote in the general assembly of Newropeans, either directly in person, or by electronic means, in conformity with the statutes of Newropeans.

All individuals joining Newropeans, as a member or as a supporter, exclude any possible adherence to civil or political organisations whose ideas and behaviour may be xenophobic, anti-democratic, or illegal, all of which by their very nature are opposed to the democratisation of the European Union which Newropeans is seeking to bring about.

Article 3: Utilisation of the name Newropeans

The name Newropeans is the property of the association Newropeans. The use of this name by members and coordinators of local or issue specific networks of Newropeans is authorized in the framework and spirit provided for by the Newropeans statutes.

Signature of this charter prohibits therefore all use which could be contrary to the ideas and political action of Newropeans for the democratisation of the European Union, or contrary to the laws in force in the Member States of the European Union.

In particular, a member who is a candidate for local, regional or national elections one of the Member States of the European Union cannot use the name Newropeans in the campaign. He or she can mention privately, however, like any citizen, his or her status as a member of Newropeans.

Article 4: Membership Fees for Newropeans

Membership of Newropeans is subject to the payment of an annual membership fee by credit card on the web site of Newropeans, of which 25% may be destined for a local or issue specific network designated at the moment of signature. The amount and exact methods of payment of this membership fee are fixed by the General Assembly



of Newropeans (see Membership Form).

Article 5: The Functioning of Newropeans

Newropeans is a movement that is totally integrated on the European level, without any national-level structures. Its unity of action on in the whole of Europe is guaranteed by the trans-European Steering Committee, in the framework of the general guidelines laid down by the general assembly, the Agora:

- The Agora brings together the members of Newropeans, all of whom are nationals of one of the member countries of the European Union;
- The Steering Committee, elected by a list in the Agora, is made up of members from several nationalities, in conformity with the statutes of Newropeans.

Article 6: Voluntary Nature of Newropeans' Activities

The activities of Newropeans are based on the principle of volunteering. Members are invited to participate actively in the collective life of the movement through a local or issue specific network (see the list on www.Newropeans.org).

The local networks of Newropeans seek to promote the ideas of Newropeans in their town or in their region, by organising events, such as information meetings, conference-debates, educational seminars etc ... The trans-European issue specific networks of Newropeans seek to develop and enrich the contents of Newropeans' political programme.

As may be needed, certain members may be given operational or representational functions by the Agora, or the Steering Committee of Newropeans.

Article 7: Supporting Activities for Newropeans

Supporters do not have a right to vote nor do they have access to the members' Intranet of Newropeans. They may participate, when invited and under certain conditions, in events organised by local or issue specific networks of Newropeans. Supporters receive information by email, or by post on a regular basis.

Article 8: Exclusion of a Member

The exclusion of a member who has breached the principles laid down in this charter or the statutes of Newropeans is determined by the Steering Committee of Newropeans.

This decision is notified to the member and takes immediate effect. The excluded member is deprived of his or her voting rights, and of any representational or organisational role that he or she may have been given. However, the excluded member has the right to make an appeal to the next Agora, which will confirm or reject the decision of the Steering Committee, in conformity with the statutes of Newropeans.