

**Resolution on the opening of the membership**  
**Adopted during the EL\*C General Assembly of 22 March 2020**

EL\*C was founded in 2017 as an NGO, registered under Austrian law. The organisation was created by a group of activists that met in 2016 during the Ilga Europe conference in Nicosia and decided to organise a European Lesbian\* Conference. The first conference, held in Vienna in 2017, had as one of the main outcomes the request to go beyond the organisation of biennial events and create a broad lesbian network in Europe and Central Asia, that included lesbian organisations and groups and could work for their empowerment. As a first step in that direction, in 2018, EL\*C enlarged the membership to a group of individual members spread all over Europe and Central Asia. During the second European Lesbian\* Conference in Kiev in April 2019, the organisation changed its name to EuroCentralAsian Lesbian\* Community and started a gradual process of transformation by adapting its Statutes to the creation a formal network structure. Besides the discussions held during the brainstorming workshops at that conference, in 2019, EL\*C established an Advisory Committee, that assists the EL\*C Board in carrying out this project.

One of the fundamental steps of the establishment of EL\*C as a network is the opening of EL\*C membership to individuals and lesbian groups by mid-2020, in line with EL\*C Statutes as amended on 22 March 2020.

For these reasons, the EL\*C General Assembly:

1. Specifies that EL\*C Members will be admitted in line with the EL\*C Statutes (art.V and art. VI) and in accordance with the following criteria :

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| <b>Full members:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Individuals who support the purposes and values of the organisation, wish to be involved in EL*C governance and identify as lesbians (the word lesbian is used as a broad inclusive term, including lesbians who identify as trans, non-binary, as well as intersex lesbians, and bisexual or queer women).</li><li>2) Groups and legal entities from Europe and Central Asia who support the purposes and the values of the organisation and who self-identify as lesbian groups or that are lesbian led. In the admission process, EL*C Board will be able to consider the application and admit groups not identifying exclusively as lesbian organisation but focusing on lesbian activities and/or led by lesbians. This includes:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) registered lesbian NGOs</li><li>b) lesbian groups, private organisations and collectives even if not officially registered.</li><li>c) lesbian groups part of NGOs focusing on broader thematics (e.g. LGBT and feminist). In the admission process, EL*C Board will be able to consider the degree of independence of the lesbian group from the broader NGO.</li></ol></li></ol> |



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| <b>Associate members:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Individuals who support the purposes and values of the organisation</li><li>2) Groups and legal entities, who support the purposes of the organisation, including:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) lesbian groups and lesbian legal entities from outside Europe and Central Asia</li><li>b) groups, NGO and entities that are not lesbian groups or lesbian-led but share EL*C values and wish to support EL*C activities.</li></ol></li></ol> |



2. Specifies that the rights and duties of EL\*C members are granted in accordance with the EL\*C Statutes and are described in Annex I to this Resolution;
3. Mandates the EL\*C Board to define the procedure for the admission of members in the Rules of Procedure of the Board;
4. Mandates the EL\*C Board to define a timeline and a strategy for the outreach to EL\*C Members in line with EL\*C's strategic planning, fundraising objective and available resources.
5. Mandates the EL\*C Board to start the admission of individuals and organisations as EL\*C new members as soon as the procedure and the strategy mentioned in points 3 and 4 of this Resolution are approved.

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## ANNEX I – Membership Rights and Duties

### 1. Membership Rights

| Memberships       |                                                              | Primary Rights                          |                                             |                 |                                   |                                                    |           |                 |                                                                | Secondary Rights                   |                                            |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Category member   | Subcategory                                                  | Active vote (on all decision of the GA) | Passive vote (power to be elected in Board) | Part of the LMC | Propose amendments to the Statute | Right to call General Assembly (1/10 full members) | Attend GA | Speak at the GA | Ask Board reasons for rejection, elimination of members (1/10) | Attend events (limited to members) | Right of Information about EL*C activities | Consultation on EL*C policies/decisions and call for action (beyond the amendment to the Statute) |
| Full Members      | Individuals                                                  | Yes                                     | Yes                                         | No              | 5% total membership               | Yes                                                | Yes       | Yes             | Yes                                                            | Yes                                | Yes                                        | Yes (not compulsory)                                                                              |
|                   | Lesbian organisation/informal group/ branch inside other NGO | Yes                                     | No                                          | Yes             | Yes (during LMC)                  | Yes                                                | Yes       | Yes             | Yes                                                            | Yes                                | Yes                                        | Yes (trought LMC)                                                                                 |
| Associate Members | Individuals                                                  | No                                      | No                                          | No              | No                                | No                                                 | No        | No              | No                                                             | Yes                                | Yes                                        | No                                                                                                |
|                   | Lesbian organisation outside Europe and Central Asia         | No                                      | No                                          | No              | No                                | No                                                 | No        | No              | No                                                             | Yes                                | Yes                                        | No                                                                                                |
|                   | Non-lesbian organisations (sharing same values)              | No                                      | No                                          | No              | No                                | No                                                 | No        | No              | No                                                             | Yes                                | Yes                                        | No                                                                                                |

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## 2. Annual Membership Fee

|                      | Minimum | Suggested | Sponsoring |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Individuals</b>   |         |           |            |
| Full member          | 15 EUR  | 30 EUR    | 100 EUR    |
| Associate member     | 10 EUR  | 30 EUR    | 100 EUR    |
| <b>NGO or groups</b> |         |           |            |
| Full member          | 50 EUR  | 100 EUR   | 300 EUR    |
| Associate member     | 100 EUR | 300 EUR   | 1000 EUR   |

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