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Legal aspects related to SEEIIST consist of creating an Association as a legal entity as a temporary solution on one side, and preparing the legal aspects to establish the Institute as a final legal entity on the other.

CREATING THE SEEIIST ASSOCIATION

The Ministry of Science of Montenegro, represented by the Minister Dr. Sanja Damjanovic who is also the Chairperson of the SEEIIST Steering Committee (SC), concluded the Contract No. 01-180 on 04 February 2019 with the Oberson Abels SA, a lawyers-office in Geneva, Switzerland, to provide the SEEIIST Steering Committee with a Draft Statute of the Association and the appropriate legal advice.

The SEEIIST Steering Committee (SC) agreed to establish the Association under Swiss Law at its 5th Meeting of the SEEIIST SC, held on 27 June 2019 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The ‘Association for the support of the South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIIST)’ was then established on 08 August 2019 in Geneva, when the Minutes of the Constitutive Assembly of the Association were signed.

According to the Statute of the Association, the main bodies are the General Assembly and the Managing Board.

Members of the General Assembly are:

- Cosylab from Slovenia represented by Dr. Mark Plesko,
- Clinical Centre of Montenegro from Montenegro represented by Prof. Dr. Jevto Erakovic,
- Verlab from Bosnia and Herzegovina represented by Lejla Gurbeta,
- The ‘St Cyril and Methodius’ University from North Macedonia represented by Prof. Dr. Nikola Jankulovski, and
- Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’ from Bulgaria represented by Dr. Leandar Litov.

The General Assembly has a President and a Secretary.

The Managing Board of the Association is composed of members of the SEEIIST Steering Committee (https://seeiist.eu/steering-committee/) and represents the link between the governments already represented in the SEEIIST SC and the Association. Nine members of the Managing Board have been appointed by signing the Minutes of the Constitutive Assembly of the Association on 08 August and the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly on 19 September (https://seeiist.eu/category/sc-meetings/). The Managing Board has a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Treasurer.
ESTABLISHING THE SEEIIST INSTITUTE

The basis for the international agreement on the establishment of the SEEIIST Institute has been prepared with a first draft using the example of the CERN Convention.

The draft ‘Convention for the establishment of the South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIIST)’ was distributed to the SEEIIST SC Members and Observers during the 6th SEEIIST SC Meeting, held on 19 September 2019 in Budva, Montenegro (https://seeiist.eu/the-sixth-meeting-of-the-intergovernmental-seeiist-steering-committee-was-held-on-19-september-2019-in-budva-montenegro/).


The Draft also contains a Financial Protocol Annexed to the Convention with the following Articles: 1) Budget, Supplementary Budget, Finance Committee, Contribution, Currency of Contribution, Working Capital Funds, Financial Rules, Accounts and Auditing.