

FIPLV NORDIC-BALTIC REGION

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Article 1 -The Region

1.1 The FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR), is a section of the FIPLV intended to coordinate the activities of the member associations in the Nordic-Baltic Region, as specified by the FIPLV itself (see Article 9 of the FIPLV Statutes), and cooperate with other Regions of FIPLV Europe.

Article 2 - Membership:

2.1. The Members of NBR are

2.1.1. multilingual associations of teachers of living languages that are members of the FIPLV and active in the geographical area of NBR;

2.1.2. "Nordic-Baltic" sections or committees of international unilingual associations of teachers of living languages that are members of FIPLV;

2.1.3. national unilingual associations which are members of an FIPLV International unilingual association, when a country is not represented in NBR by a multilingual association. These associations will be encouraged to develop a multilingual structure within their country.

2.2. Any member association in NBR can withdraw after announcing its decision to the NBR Executive Committee.

2.3. NBR can cooperate with other associations not represented in FIPLV with the understanding that it would encourage them to become members of FIPLV.

Article 3 - Principles:

3.1. NBR will cooperate with other FIPLV regions, join their activities and invite their representatives to NBR activities.

3.2. Membership of NBR is voluntary.

3.3. All members of NBR have equal rights and duties. Each member will receive equal attention and support.

3.4. All members will cooperate in supporting and resolving the problems of their partners in NBR.

3.5. All members are expected to participate in all NBR activities unless they declare their abstention.

3.6. All members will discuss all NBR matters before they are put into effect.

3.7. NBR is responsible for its activities to the FIPLV Executive Committee and the World Council.

Article 4 - Aims:

4.1. NBR coordinates the activities of the associations of teachers of living languages in the geographical area specified.

4.2. NBR adopts all the general aims of the FIPLV (see Article 3 of the FIPLV Statutes).

4.3. NBR takes an active role in the implementation of language politics and educational policies within the

European Union.

Article 5 - Functions:

5.1. The activities of NBR are consistent with the general activities of the FIPLV as set out in Articles 4.2 to 4.7 of the FIPLV Statutes.

5.2. NBR may speak on behalf of its member associations to official supranational authorities.

Article 6 - Internal language policy:

6.1. The name of the Region is " The FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region ".

6.2. The English text of the Internal Regulations is the sole official version.

6.3. Participants agree on languages to be used at individual meetings. Concerning international conferences under the auspices of NBR the languages must be named in advance.

Article 7 -The Regional Assembly:

The highest authority of NBR is the Regional Assembly. It can decide on any subject that comes within the domain of NBR, in accordance with FIPLV Statutes.

7.1. The Regional Assembly consists of one representative from each member of NBR, appointed by her/his own association.

7.2. The Regional Assembly meets at least every three years preferably in connection with an FIPLV, NBR or a WCER seminar, congress or conference to receive the Executive Committee reports on activities and finances and to discuss and decide on future activities.

7.3. At Regional Assembly meetings each representative has one vote. When electing the Executive Committee, representatives of member associations as defined in 2.1.3. above have one vote per country.

7.4. The Regional Assembly can set up Commissions to which it entrusts specific tasks. The Commissions are responsible to the Regional Assembly.

7.5. Observers may attend the meetings of the Regional Assembly. They can be invited by the Regional Assembly itself, or by the Executive Committee. In the second case, the Regional Assembly must give its consent at the beginning of the meeting. Observers may speak when invited by a member of the Regional Assembly, however they have no right to vote.

7.6 Decisions are taken by the Regional Assembly in accordance with voting and election procedures of FIPLV.

Article 8 -The Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee is in charge of the continuous pursuit of the activities of NBR, and is responsible to the Regional Assembly.

8.1. The Executive Committee consists of three officers. They are elected every third year by the Regional Assembly, having been nominated in advance by NBR member associations. These officers can also be the representatives of their associations at Regional Assembly meetings.

8.2. The Executive Committee meets at least once a year.

8.3. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee are to:

8.3.1. take initiatives to further the aims of NBR, FIPLV Europe and FIPLV

8.3.2. maintain regular communication with member associations and other FIPLV Regions;

8.3.3. coordinate and publicize the activities of the Federation and its members;

8.3.4. ensure proper financial control, management and support.

Article 9 - Finances:

9.1. The Region has its own account and budget. Its income consists of payments made by its member associations, of means generated through joint ventures and subsidies paid by FIPLV according to the rules approved by the FIPLV World Council.

9.2. The Treasurer of NBR opens a euro account in her/his country of residence with the approval of her/his association if needed. The Treasurer and the President of her/his association and the Chair of NBR have the right to use the account.

9.3. The annual report of the Treasurer is countersigned by the Chair of NBR. At the end of her/his mandate, the Treasurer submits the countersigned accounts and the financial report for the entire period of mandate.

9.4. If NBR decides to grant total or partial repayment for expenses arising from the participation in a Regional Assembly meeting, one representative per country will receive the refund.

Article 10 - Modification of the present Internal Regulations:

10.1. The suggestions for modification of these Internal Regulations are discussed by the Regional Assembly, following the initiative of the Executive Committee or of one third of members present. Modifications must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

Article 11 - Operations:

11.1. In matters unforeseen in these Internal Regulations, the regulations of the FIPLV Statutes for its operations will be adopted.

These regulations were created at the NBR Assembly meeting at ECML, Graz, Austria on 31 August 2010 and will become valid on 1 January 2010.