

Normative Acts of the Academy¹

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The Croatian Academy of Engineering is a scientific organization that brings together distinguished domestic and foreign scientists in the field of technical and biotechnical sciences in order to support the effective scientific and economic development of Croatia without gaining any profit. Its activity is regulated by a series of normative acts, which are adopted by the Assembly of the Academy or the Presidency of the Academy. The Assembly of the Academy adopts the Statute of the Academy and the Bylaw on Membership, whereas the Presidency of the Academy adopts other normative acts pursuant to Article 13 of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette 17/14, 70/17, 98/19 and 151/22) the Croatian Academy of Engineering has the Statute which is its fundamental general act and nine other general acts (bylaws/rules of procedure) which comply with the Statute of the Academy.

Over the past 30 years the normative acts were amended according to the needs of the Academy, and each amendment contributed to a more efficient action of the Academy. The First Statute of the Academy was passed by the Assembly of the Academy at its session on 19th January 1993. Thus, in the mandate of the previous Board (2017-2022) some existing normative acts were adopted or amended.

The Assembly of the Croatian Academy of Engineering at its 34th session held on April 29th 2018 adopted the **Statute** of the Croatian Academy of Engineering. **The Bylaw on Election to Membership** was adopted at the same Assembly session.

The Presidency of the Croatian Academy of Engineering at its sessions in 2018 and 2022 adopted the following normative acts:

- Bylaw on the Organization and Activities of the Committees of the Croatian Academy of Engineering (October 15th 2018)

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- Bylaw on the Collection, Processing and Protection of Personal Data (October 15th 2018)
- Bylaw of the on the Organization and Activities of the Centers of the Croatian Academy of Engineering (April 25th 2022)
- Rules of Procedure of the Work of the Scientific Council (October 15th 2018)
- Rules of Procedure of the Work of the Committee for Ethics (October 15th 2018)
- Rules of Procedure of the Work of the Entrepreneurial Council (October 15th 2018)
- Rules of Procedure of the Work of the Committee for Economic and Regional Co-operation (October 15th 2018)
- Rules of Procedure of the Work of the Committee for International Co-operation (October 15th 2018)

Below is a brief description of areas regulated by a particular normative act.

Statute of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

This Statute regulates the provisions on the name, seat, representation, seal and flag, objectives and scopes of activity as well as economic activities pursuant to the law and the way of ensuring the support of the public where the Croatian Academy of Engineering operates. Furthermore, regulated are the provisions on the conditions and procedure of joining and termination of membership, rights and obligations, and disciplinary liability of members and the procedure of keeping the list of the members, on the Academy bodies, their composition and the way of convening sessions, election, recall, powers, decision-making and terms of office and regular manner of convening the assembly as well as in the case of expiry of the mandate; election and recall of the liquidator of the Academy as an association, dissolution of the Academy; on the assets, the method of acquisition and disposition of assets; asset management in the event of the dissolution of the Academy, and on the manner of settling disputes and conflicts of interest within the Academy and other issues of importance for the Academy.

Bylaw on Membership in the Croatian Academy of Engineering

The Bylaw on Membership regulates the procedure for election of members and termination of membership and criteria for the election into the Croatian Academy of Engineering.

Bylaw on the Organization and Activities of the Committees of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

The Bylaw on the Organization and Activities of the Committees determine the way the Committee works, making decisions, electing members and appointing the chairman and deputy.

Bylaw on the Organization and Activities of the Centers of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

This bylaw, along with the underlying principles, regulates the organization and functioning of the Centers. The Centers are established for specific fields of science with the aim of promoting scientific and development research intended for immediate application in the economy, and thus make a contribution to the overall faster technological progress of the Republic of Croatia. The Bylaw applies to all existing Centers and those to be established in the next period.

Bylaw on Awards and Recognitions of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

The process of nomination for the Academy awards and medals, and deciding on them is stipulated by the Bylaw on Awards and Acknowledgements of the Academy.

Bylaw on the Scientific Fund of the Academy

The Scientific Fund participates in co-financing scientific projects in which the Academy participates; providing funds for awards awarded by the Academy; helping young scientists of technical professions, winners of the Vera Johanides Award, in acquiring knowledge and skills, and encouraging their international affirmation through education, participation in scientific conferences and advances in scientific research.

Bylaw on the Financing and Material and Financial Operations of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

Financial and material operations of the Croatian Academy of Engineering are conducted in accordance with this Bylaw, the Law on Financial Operations and Accounting of Non-Profit Organizations (Official Gazette 121/14 and 114/22) and other laws and regulations. The regulations of the Bylaw on the Financing and Material and Financial Operations of the Croatian Academy of Engineering stipulate income and distribution of income; costs and expenses; the right to create liabilities; liquidation of documents; cash maximum and the management of long-term assets.

Bylaw on the Acquisition and Distribution of Income of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

This Bylaw determines the method of acquisition and distribution of income of the Croatian Academy of Engineering.

Labor Bylaw of the Academy

This Bylaw regulates the organization of work and systematization of jobs, and the rights and obligations of employees who are employed at the Croatian Academy of Engineering.

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics is not one of the normative acts of the Academy in the form of bylaws and rules of procedure, but it obliges the members of the Croatian Academy of Engineering to behave ethically. The Code of Ethics states that the members of the Academy are aware of the importance of the impact of their knowledge and teaching, projects and achievements, technologies and processes, consulting and services on economic development, competitiveness of Croatian products and quality of life by accepting their personal obligation to the profession and committing themselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct.

Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure Procedures of the Croatian Academy of Engineering regulate the work of the Committees, the Centers and the Scientific Council. The provisions of these Rules of Procedure refer to the work of the Committees, the Centers and the Scientific Council, to the preparation and convening of sessions and to the way of decision-making.

Conclusion

The Croatian Academy of Engineering is a complex and organized system, which is evident from a number of complex normative acts. The normative acts adequately cover all aspects of the organization and activities and contribute to the organized and efficient work of the Academy as an important scientific institution of the Republic of Croatia.