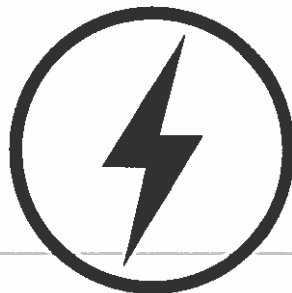


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# STATUTE



**Imperium Europa**

**2019**

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**I. Party Name and Emblem<sup>1</sup>**

- a) The Official name of the party shall be - Imperium Europa (IE)
- b) The party emblem is the symbol of a thunderbolt in a circle which represents the sun



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**II. Membership & Members' Rights<sup>2</sup>**

- a) Any person older than fifteen (15) years of age, whether Maltese or foreign, can become a member of the Party, regardless of gender, race, creed, financial status and sexual orientation. The Party leadership retains the discretion to refuse any application for membership on other grounds without giving a reason for such refusal. Imperium Europa members shall not support, promote and finance other political parties during the MEP campaign formally launched by the Party up to the end of the election.
- b) Membership fees are to be collected by the elected Party Treasurer in cash, bank transfer or via electronic means. A handwritten or digital receipt is to be issued for every payment. The membership fee amount is to be determined by the Party Leader and the Party Treasurer and may be reviewed every year.
- c) Membership applications are available online on the official campaign webpage ([www.mep2019.com](http://www.mep2019.com)).
- d) Members are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics published on the official campaign webpage ([www.mep2019.com](http://www.mep2019.com)) and these may be amended from time to time by the leadership of the Party.
- e) A membership card is sent by post and must be carried by the member when attending official events intended for members only.
- f) Members are not authorised to speak on behalf of the Party unless they are expressly requested to or granted permission. Breach of this behaviour may lead to exclusion.
- g) Members are required to indicate their consent as to the use of the storage, use and sharing of personal data for listed reasons. Any storage, use or sharing of personal data for unlisted reasons requires specific consent. Members can opt to withdraw their membership at any time and ask to have their personal data permanently deleted. Such requests must be seen to within seven (7) days without question.
- h) The General Secretary or designate of the Party, acting in accordance with decisions taken by the Party Leadership, has the right to warn Party members whenever they are acting contrary to the instructions of the Party's interest and to exclude members. If internal disciplinary measures are to be taken, the Party must ensure that the member enjoys the right of defence.
- i) The Party shall be dissolved by either two third of valid votes of eligible paid-up members or by Statute provision if no leader is elected for a period of three (3) months. The General Secretary or designate must report this to the Electoral Commission within seven (7) days.

<sup>1</sup> Cap.544 Art.8(2a)

<sup>2</sup> Cap.544 Art.6, Art.7, Art.8(2b), Art.8(2c), Art.8(2d), Art.9

### III. Aim of the Party

- a) The aim of the Party is to contest local elections, general elections and European Union Parliamentary Elections.
- b) The Party stands for European Unity, the fraternity between the Union's members, and the safeguarding of their Identity and common interests. It does not support the current setup which renders it inoperative/ineffective, undemocratic and a threat to Members' sovereignty. Imperium Europa believes in a smaller, highly effective, democratic Union and looks forward to forging a basic Constitution for the safeguard of its members in matters relating to Identity, Eurozone, Immigration, Territory, Environment, Individual Rights, and High Culture. Imperium Europa promotes higher levels of local political autonomy for every member state, equality between men and women, good governance, the rule of law, respect for work, effective education and accessible, well-developed healthcare and the re-alignment of Human Rights to its intended original aims.
- c) Imperium Europa reserves the right to join existing political groups according to compatibility with its principles and best interest thereof, should it be elected to Brussels.

### IV. Legal Status<sup>3</sup>

- a) As a Political Party, Imperium Europa shall enjoy its own personality and the right to sue and be sued, the right to be recognized by the Broadcasting Authority and the Electoral Commission and to be treated in a fair and equal manner to other political parties.
- b) Imperium Europa shall also have the right of freedom of expression as extended to competent individuals according to the Constitution of Malta.
- c) A copy of the Party Statute shall be sent to the Electoral Commission from time to time and must be updated accordingly. It must also be sent to the Commission within one month from when this is enacted. The Statute is a public document
- d) The Treasurer, acting on the instructions of the Leader and in agreement with the Administrative Council, must dispose of any Party assets as directed in the event of dissolution of the Party. Such assets cannot be transferred to party members except in compensation of expenses incurred on behalf of the Party on the presentation of documented proof. This Statute obliges the Leader, the Treasurer and the Administrative Council to dispose of any remaining assets by way of donation to movements that uphold one or more principles promoted by the Party. The latter is to be determined by the incumbent Party Leader.

### V. Party Structure<sup>4</sup>

- a) The Party is made up of:
  - ❖ the Party Leader
  - ❖ the Administrative Council
  - ❖ the Paid-up Members
  - ❖ the Appointed Representatives
  - ❖ the Treasurer
  - ❖ the General Secretary
  - ❖ the Legal team

<sup>3</sup> Cap.544 Art. 8(1), Art. 8(3), Art.10

<sup>4</sup> Cap.544 Art.8(2e), Art.8(4), Art.13(1a), Art.13(1b), Art.14(a), Art.14(b)

- b) Any member can apply to become the Party Leader, given that his candidature is approved by a simple majority of the Administrative council.
- c) The Party Leader is chosen every five (5) years or whenever the post is vacant.
- d) The Party Leader is elected by the paid-up members by simple majority.
- e) The Party Leader can be removed at any time by the Administrative Council by simple majority.
- f) The Party Leader chooses his own Administrative council from the paid-up members and has complete flexibility to elect, promote or demote such members.
- g) The Paid-up Members are the members of the Party.
- h) Appointed Representatives are made up of Paid-up members chosen by the Leader to represent the Party on selected events and/or for a defined period and/or task.
- i) The Treasurer, General Secretary and Legal team are elected by the paid-up members and shall also have the right to vote for the Party Leadership.
- j) The name of party officials shall be public. Party officials are the Party Leader, General Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Team and Representatives appointed from time to time to represent the Party for a temporary period or specific events (Appointed Representatives).
- k) The General Secretary or designate must present a declaration to the Electoral Commission, stating that the Party is standing for Election. This must include the details of the candidate/s and the party officials referred to in Section V (j).
- l) The Treasurer is responsible for the tri-annual donation reports, the yearly financial audited reports and the retention of records according to obligations contained in Cap.544.
- m) Bank account signatories shall be the Treasurer and the General Secretary.
- n) This Statute has been drafted in conformity with Cap. 544 of the Laws of Malta and Subsidiary Legislation 544.01, 544.02, 544.03 and 544.04.

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