

STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SERBIAN ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICES

Pursuant to Article 12 of the Law on Associations (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”, No. 51/09, 99/11 – other laws and 44/18 – other laws), the Assembly of the Association of Serbian Architectural Practices, at its 6th session held on 6 March 2026, adopted the following:

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INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Subject of the Statute

Article 1

This Statute of the Association “Association of Serbian Architectural Practices” (hereinafter: the Statute) regulates the objectives and activities, defines the name, registered seat and seal of the Association of Serbian Architectural Practices (hereinafter: the Association), establishes the rights and obligations of MEMBERS, the organization and operation of the Association, as well as other matters of importance for the Association.

Field of Activity

Article 2

The Association of Serbian Architectural Practices is a non-partisan, non-governmental and non-profit network of companies from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture established for an indefinite period for the purpose of achieving objectives in the field of architecture and business within architectural practice in the Republic of Serbia.

Objectives of the Association

Article 3

The Association is established for the purpose of representing and promoting the common interests of its members, which include:

- exchange and sharing of knowledge and experience in order to raise professional standards through business and professional networking among members

- strengthening competitiveness and positioning of members on domestic and international markets
 - cooperation with companies in the construction sector
- increasing productivity of companies in architecture and construction, with a focus on architectural practice
 - increasing the number of employees in companies engaged in architectural practice
- creating and developing joint programs and projects in the form of conferences and events dedicated to architectural practice
 - facilitating access to financial resources

Activities

Article 4

In order to achieve the objectives defined in this Statute, the Association particularly supports:

- business cooperation among members of the Association and networking with business organizations and associations in the region and beyond
- activities aimed at improving the economy with emphasis on micro, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurship
- cooperation with competent ministries and other institutions and organizations
 - representation of members' interests and professional assistance in obtaining funds through governmental clustering support programs
 - informing members about activities aimed at stimulating and strengthening clusters and creating a sustainable economic environment
- cooperation with governmental and non-governmental institutions involved in the development of micro, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurship
 - cooperation and partnership with universities, faculties and other educational institutions in order to acquire additional knowledge and skills necessary for the functioning and competitiveness of the cluster
 - encouraging innovative entrepreneurship and partnerships between the scientific community and the Association
 - participation in domestic and international fairs and exhibitions to promote services and products of the cluster
- monitoring the work of relevant European and global institutions that promote clusterization as an instrument of economic development
 - cooperation and participation in the promotion of national clusters in the country and abroad
 - preparation and implementation of joint projects
 - monitoring EU and other development funding programs and participation opportunities
 - promoting awareness of business ethics, corporate social responsibility and environmental standards
 - exchange of experience at national and international levels
- proposing representatives to local, regional and national bodies where the needs

- of entrepreneurs should be represented
- participation in local and regional forums and round tables
 - organization of professional seminars, exhibitions, fairs, presentations, promotions and research related to business development
 - establishment of an online database of members
 - publishing activities and other means of informing and promoting the Association and its members
 - establishing contacts and cooperation with similar associations in the country and abroad
 - providing legal and professional support to members

NAME, REGISTERED SEAT AND SEAL

Article 5

The name of the Association is: Association of Serbian Architectural Practices.

The English name of the Association is: Association of Serbian Architectural Practices.

The registered seat of the Association is in Belgrade, Gavrića Principa Street 43.

The Association operates on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Association

Article 6

Membership in the Association is voluntary. Members may be any legal entities from the country, in accordance with the law, that accept the objectives of the Association and this Statute and submit a membership application to the Board of Directors.

Members of the Association may be Full Members, Associate Members and Partners.

Full Members

Article 7

The Association consists of full members who attended the founding Assembly, as well as full members who subsequently joined the Association and paid the membership fee in accordance with the rules of the Association.

The decision on admission to membership is made by the Board of Directors, which shall notify the applicant without delay.

A member may withdraw from membership by submitting a written statement.

A member may suspend membership by submitting a written statement and documentation justifying the suspension. Membership may be suspended for a period of not less than one year.

Reasons for suspension include temporary suspension of business activity or health reasons.

Membership may terminate due to prolonged inactivity, violation of the provisions of this Statute or damage to the reputation of the Association.

The decision on termination of membership is made by the Board of Directors based on a justified proposal of any member.

A member must be given the opportunity to present their position regarding the reasons for termination.

Upon proposal of the Board of Directors or one third of the members of the Assembly, a member may be expelled by decision of the Assembly.

Expulsion may occur if a member intentionally or through gross negligence causes damage to the Association, acts contrary to the objectives of the Association, or by actions or omissions contrary to the Statute or law significantly obstructs the functioning of the Association.

The decision on expulsion requires a two-thirds majority of the members present at the Assembly.

Rights and Obligations of Full Members

Article 8

A full member has the right to participate equally with other members in achieving the objectives of the Association, participate directly in decision-making at the Assembly and through the bodies of the Association, elect and be elected to the bodies of the Association and be informed in a timely and complete manner about the work and activities of the Association.

A full member is obliged to actively contribute to achieving the objectives of the Association, participate in activities of the Association, pay membership fees and perform other duties assigned by the Assembly.

Associate Members

Article 9

In addition to full members, the Association may also have Associate Members who do not have voting rights at the Assembly.

Associate Members may be legal entities with similar areas of interest that contribute to achieving the objectives of the Association through participation in specific projects.

They are required to pay membership fees determined by the Membership Fee Rulebook and may attend Assembly sessions without voting rights, submit initiatives to the Board of Directors and participate in the work of bodies and other activities of the Association.

The Board of Directors determines the conditions and decides on admission to Associate Membership.

Partners of the Association

Article 10

In addition to Full and Associate Members, the Association may also have Partners.

Partners may attend Assembly sessions without voting rights, submit initiatives to the Board of Directors and participate in the work of bodies and activities of the Association.

A Partner may be any legal or natural person who values architecture and wishes to contribute to the development of national architecture.

The Board of Directors determines the conditions and decides on the acquisition of Partner status.

Partners are required to pay membership fees determined by the Membership Fee Rulebook.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND MODE OF OPERATION

Article 11

The bodies of the Association are the Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, the ASAP Council, Thematic Committees, the Business Culture Committee and the Representative.

ASSEMBLY

Article 12

The Assembly is the highest governing body of the Association.

The Assembly consists of all members of the Association.

The Assembly adopts the Statute and amendments thereto, adopts other acts of the Association, adopts strategic documents and annual priorities, adopts financial and annual reports, considers reports of the Board of Directors, decides on status changes and termination of the Association, decides on membership in alliances and international organizations, elects and dismisses members of the Board of Directors, elects the President and Vice-President of the Assembly and appoints members of the Business Culture Committee.

Regular Assembly sessions are held once per year.

The Assembly has quorum if at least one third of full members are present.

Decisions are adopted by simple majority of members present unless otherwise specified.

Amendments to the Statute, status changes and termination require a two-thirds majority.

Sessions may also be held electronically and decisions may be adopted via written consent or email voting.

ASAP COUNCIL

Article 13

The ASAP Council is an advisory body of the Board of Directors. It may consist of up to five members who are eminent experts, representatives of state institutions or members of the academic community.

Members of the Council cannot be representatives of member firms.

The Board of Directors may appoint or replace Council members at any time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 14

The Board of Directors consists of nine members elected by the Assembly.

Every two years the Assembly elects three new members.

Members appoint the President of the Board and two Vice-Presidents.

The mandate of a Board member may last up to six years.

The Board of Directors manages the Association between Assembly sessions, implements Assembly decisions, adopts financial decisions and the budget, proposes annual reports, establishes committees and working groups and appoints members of the Council.

The Board has quorum if at least four members are present and decisions are adopted by simple majority.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 15

The Executive Board is responsible for implementing the objectives of the Association.

It represents the interests of the Association between Board sessions, implements Board decisions, prepares Board meetings, proposes decisions to the Board and prepares the annual budget proposal.

The Executive Board consists of the President of the Board of Directors, two Vice-Presidents and the Executive Manager.

THEMATIC COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Article 16

Thematic Committees are permanent working bodies established to achieve the strategic objectives of the Association.

Working groups may be established to address specific topics and initiatives.

BUSINESS CULTURE COMMITTEE

Article 17

The Business Culture Committee consists of three members appointed by the Assembly.

Its mandate lasts four years.

The Committee proposes the Business Code, monitors compliance with ethical standards, processes complaints regarding violations of the Business Code and may propose suspension or expulsion of members.

Article 18

In all procedures conducted by the Business Culture Committee all parties have the right to present their arguments.

Article 19

Membership in the Committee ends by resignation, dismissal or termination of membership in the Association.

The Committee reports annually to the Assembly.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 20

The Association has at least one authorized representative.

The Representative represents the Association in legal transactions and manages its operations.

The President of the Board of Directors acts as the Representative by virtue of office.

PUBLICITY OF WORK

Article 21

The work of the Association is public.

The Representative ensures that members and the public are regularly informed about the activities of the Association.

Annual reports are presented at Assembly sessions.

Article 22

The Association may establish cooperation with organizations in Serbia and abroad.

The Assembly decides on membership in international associations.

FINANCING

Article 23

The Association obtains funds through membership fees, donations, financial subsidies and participation fees for seminars, events and publishing activities.

The Association may establish companies or other legal entities in accordance with the law, and any profit must be used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Article 24

Membership fees are determined by a special Rulebook on Membership Fees.

TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 25

The Association ceases to exist by decision of the Assembly when the conditions for achieving its objectives cease to exist or in other cases provided by law.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Article 26

In case of termination, the assets of the Association shall be transferred to a domestic non-profit legal entity established to pursue the same or similar objectives.

SEAL

Article 27

The Association has a round seal bearing the inscription Association of Serbian Architectural Practices with the Association logo in the center.

APPLICATION OF THE LAW

Article 28

For matters not regulated by this Statute, the provisions of the Law on Associations shall apply.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 29

This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption by the Assembly of the Association.

Belgrade, 6 March 2026

President of the Assembly