

Guidelines of European Ten Sing Group (ETS)

§1 Name

European Ten Sing Group (ETS) of the YMCA Europe (YE).

§2 Accountability

ETS acts on behalf of the YE and meets and acts under its own responsibility. ETS is recognised as a European Programme Group by the YE.

ETS is a part of the YE and works under its working documents. (Rules for working with YE groups - adopted by the EAY Executive Committee 30 October 1992, updated 2 November 1998. And the Terms of reference - European programmes adopted by the EAY Executive Committee 30 October 1992, updated 2 November 1998.)

§3 Membership

National movements that are members of the YE and that have recognized Ten Sing work may apply for membership in the ETS. The ETS Conference gives member status by voting.

A membership application has to be sent at least two months before the ETS Conference to the ETS Executive Group. The applicant has to present itself at the ETS Conference in order to run for membership.

The national movement selects the delegates for the conference and is responsible for all expenses.

§4 Voting Delegations

All members of the ETS are voting delegations at the ETS Conference and have one vote each.

§5 ETS annual meeting (ETS Conference)

The ETS Group meets once a year at the ETS Conference.

Each voting delegation has one vote.

The ETS Chairperson is not a member of a voting delegation or another national representative.

The rules of the conference are stated in a separate document.

§6 ETS Executive (steering) Group

The ETS annual meeting elects the ETS Executive (steering) Group for a two year term.

ETS Executive Group acts on behalf of the ETS Group.

The ETS Executive Group has 5 members, but only one from the same movement.

5 members is not a restriction to having a steering group. If at the conference there can not be chosen 5 members, the Executive Group has permission to appoint the last members without a conference voting to serve until the next conference

The ETS Executive Group elects one of them to be the ETS chairperson.

The ETS Executive Group meets at least once a year.

The main duties of the ETS Executive (steering) Group are the follow-up of the last, the preparation of the next ETS annual meeting and to take urgent decisions, which cannot wait until the next annual meeting.

The job description of the ETS Chairperson and the ETS Executives are stated in a separate document.

§7 Objectives - purpose

The work of the ETS Group is based on the “Ten Sing Idea” which is set out in a separate document.

To promote and spread out the Ten Sing Idea as a youth programme to all national movements and helping to develop Ten Sing in their home movements.

To facilitate an international and ecumenical Christian fellowship in programmes organised by the ETS in which the proclamation and testimony of the gospel is an integrated part.

To promote an international understanding and learning through programmes organised by the ETS.

To support local to local contacts and foster co-operation between the YMCA movements in Europe.

To enable leaders of ETS activities to run these activities according to common quality standards.

§ 8 Amending the Guidelines

Any proposal to amend this guidelines must be approved by the ETS annual meeting (Conference). Such proposals have to be put forward to the ETS Executive Group at least three months before the annual meeting takes place, and have to be sent from the ETS Executive Group to the ETS member movements at least six weeks before the annual meeting. In order to amend the guidelines, at least 2/3 of all present votes cast is needed.

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