Agenda of modifications proposed to the AEC Statutes (2022)

To be voted on during AEC General Assembly on 7th November 2026

(The detailed proposal for changes will be published by the end of October 2026)

The following modifications are introduced in the 2022 Statutes:

1. "Active members" are renamed "Members"(so AEC will have Members, Associate Members and Affiliates).

2. The associate membership categories are simplified, moving from 3 categories (including one for pre-college institutions) to 2 categories.

3. It is clarified that the Executive Director is not a member of ExCom (article 4.1) while still highlighting their role to prepare and support the meetings.

4. The Council & ExCom election processes and conditions are clarified, namely:
    - The AEC members elect first members of the AEC Council and then, among them, members of the ExCom (article 5.5). (This means that in future we would propose to always run first the election round for Council members and then, out of Council members the ExCom elections).
    - The rules for the election of Council members are simplified, so that Council members need to have simple majority and not absolute majority.
    - A clause is introduced stating that any person who has sat on the AEC Council for at least one year may apply for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary General.

5. Concerning the co-opted Council members: the new statutes make the two co-opted student seats permanent, explicitly refer to the student association EPASA, and give the two students a voting right (each) (article 7.7)

6. A clause is added stating that all Council members act independently.

7. ExCom's responsibilities are streamlined (article 8.5), i.e. some tasks which are not relevant any longer or obvious are deleted from the list of responsibilities.

8. In case an applicant institution is refused admission to AEC by the Council, or in case a member organisation loses its membership (as decided by the Council – in principle due to a non-payment of membership fee), the institution can no longer ask the GA to re-examine its case and to take a decision that would overrun the decision of the AEC Council.

9. The date when the membership fee is due is moved forward in the year (31 May)

10. Some additional changes are suggested to clarify the statutes and ensure they are in line with the latest legislative developments in Belgium.