

DEED OF AMENDMENT
TO THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

(as adopted on 16 March 2008 at the meeting of the European Assembly in Vienna, Austria; with name amended on 7 March 2010 at the meeting of the European Assembly in Paris, France; and amended and replaced by a new deed on 3 May 2013 at the meeting of the European Assembly in Jerusalem, Israel; and as further amended on 27 April 2014 at the meeting of the European Assembly in Dresden, Germany).

It is hereby agreed that the Constitution of the European Union for Progressive Judaism, as described above (“the EUPJ Constitution”), be amended as follows –

1. By inserting the following new Section 7.2.6 into the EUPJ Constitution immediately after Section 7.2 5 of the EUPJ Constitution -

“7.2.6 the President;”

2. By inserting the following new Section 7.2.7 into the EUPJ Constitution immediately after new Section 7.2 6 of the EUPJ Constitution -

“7.2.6 the Convenor of the European Beit Din;”

3. By inserting the following new Section 7.2.8 into the EUPJ Constitution immediately after new Section 7.2 7 of the EUPJ Constitution -

“7.2.6 the Chairman of the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly;”

4. By the deletion of the words “the current or” in the second line of Section 7.3.2 of the EUPJ Constitution and replacing them with the word “a”; and by the deletion of the words “the immediate” at the end of the second line of Section 7.3.2 of the EUPJ Constitution and replacing them with the word “a”.

Adopted by a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism held in Jerusalem on 19 May 2017.

A Report on the Reasons for the Proposed Amendment to the EUPJ Constitution from the EUPJ Management Committee and Executive Board

1. At the meeting of the European Assembly in Jerusalem in May 2013 a new constitution was adopted. This constitution was amended at the meeting of the European Assembly in Dresden in April 2014.
2. The new constitution included a new Section 7, dealing with the EUPJ Management Committee (ManCom) and which permitted a maximum of 11 ManCom members, being the Chairman, three Vice-chairmen, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary and up to five co-opted members.
3. Since the date of the new constitution, ManCom has felt it necessary to include the Convenor of the European Bet Din (EBD) and the Chairman of the newly formed EUPJ Rabbinic Association (ERA) as members of ManCom due to their active and valuable involvement in day to day EUPJ activities. In addition, the EUPJ President also takes an active and leading role in the management of EUPJ activities.
4. Accordingly, it is proposed that the constitution be amended so that the individuals who hold the positions of EUPJ President, Convenor of the EBD and Chairman of the ERA become ex-officio members of ManCom. This enables ManCom to include people who are actively engaged in EUPJ issues on a day to day basis and also frees up ManCom to co-opt other individuals for specific skills and contributions.
5. The EUPJ ManCom and Executive Board both unanimously recommend that the constitution be amended as proposed.
6. We attach a draft deed of amendment for consideration and approval by EUPJ Constituent Members. We also attach a schedule showing the amended Section of the EUPJ Constitution should the Deed of Amendment be approved by the European Assembly, with the new or amended sections highlighted.
7. A full copy of the EUPJ Constitution (including all amendments) can be found on our website.

EUPJ Management Committee

EUPJ Executive Board

18 April 2017

7. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7.1. The following shall apply in respect of the Management Committee (“ManCom”) –

7.1.1. ManCom shall be responsible for the conduct and management of the day to day work of the EUPJ and for the implementation of EUPJ policies and strategies under the supervision of the Executive Board and shall have the power to deal with all matters which arise between meetings of the Executive Board and which may need immediate attention;

7.1.2. The Chairman shall, at each meeting of the Executive Board, present to the Executive Board a report of the actions taken by ManCom since the last board meeting and which may be required to be taken before the following board meeting. The Executive Board shall review this report and, if considered appropriate, shall ratify and/or approve (as the case may be) any actions taken or required to be taken by ManCom;

7.1.3. In addition, the Executive Board may from time to time delegate to ManCom such duties, responsibilities and authority as it deems fit and in accordance with this Constitution, and may determine ManCom’s mode of operation.

7.2. ManCom shall consist of –

7.2.1. the Chairman;

7.2.2. not less than one and not more than three Vice-Chairmen;

7.2.3. the Treasurer;

7.2.4. the Secretary;

7.2.5. any person co-opted in terms of the procedure set out in Clause 7.3 below;

7.2.6. the President;

7.2.7. the Convenor of the European Bet Din;

7.2.8. the Chairman of the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly.

7.3. ManCom may from time to time, by a majority resolution of the ManCom Members, co-opt people with relevant experience to be members of ManCom on the following basis -

7.3.1. such co-opted members shall not exceed five in number, and shall be approved at the next meeting of the Executive Board;

7.3.2. such co-opted members may include, without limitation, the following persons – a past President, a past Chairman, a Rabbinic adviser, a WUPJ representative, a person appointed to carry out a specific project or projects and a representative of Youth organisations;

- 7.3.3. the period of office of a co-opted ManCom member shall be as set out in Clause 11.5, provided that ManCom shall be entitled at the time of such co-option, to limit that period of office to an initial term of one year, after which that person may once again be co-opted to serve on ManCom.