Based on Article 18 of the Law on Associations and Foundations ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 52/10, 135/11 and 55/16), the Founding Assembly of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci, at the session held on 20.07.2026, adopted

STATUTE
of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci

I General provisions

Article 1

This Statute regulates the goals and objectives of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci (hereinafter referred to as the Association), the method of membership and the organisational structure.

Article 2

The Association is a non-governmental organisation, voluntary and independent, which includes all citizens whose goals are in line with the goals of the Association.

Article 3

The name of the Association is:
Association for socio-cultural development, STEAM education and innovations ASTERA Kavadarci.

The abbreviated name of the association is:
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The name of the association in English is:
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The headquarters of the Association is at the address: Shishka n.2/6-6, Kavadarci.

Article 4

The association has the status of a legal entity from the date of registration with the competent authorities.
The association's main activity is: 94.990-Activities of other membership organisations, n.e.c.

Article 5

The Association has a seal that is circular in shape and contains the full name of the Association.
The Association has a stamp that is rectangular in shape and contains the full name of the Association.
The association may have its own logo.

Article 6

The work of the Association's bodies is public.

The members, organs and bodies of the Association are individually and collectively responsible for the tasks they have undertaken at their own choice.

Article 7

The Association unites all activities of the members and bodies of the Association in the interest of advancing and fulfilling the goals for which the Association was founded.

II Goals and objectives of the Association

Article 8

The main goal of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci is to contribute to socio-cultural development, the advancement of STEAM education, innovations, digital competencies, entrepreneurship and lifelong learning, through education, information, public awareness raising, advocacy and lobbying, networking and active participation in the development and advancement of public policies, in order to create conditions for sustainable development and improve the well-being of individuals and communities.

Long-term goals of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci are:

- Advancement and promotion of lifelong learning and alternative forms of education;
- Development and promotion of STEAM education, digital competencies and the application of innovative technologies, including artificial intelligence, in education and society;
- Development and support of youth, women's, social, digital and green entrepreneurship as a driver of sustainable economic and social development;
- Promotion of psychophysical development, health and well-being of individuals and communities;
- Promotion of culture, cultural heritage and intercultural dialogue through digital technologies, multimedia and innovative approaches for their preservation and promotion;
- Support of sustainable local and rural development by fostering innovation, circular economy and responsible use of natural resources;
- Strengthening European integration and promoting regional and international cooperation;
- Promotion of active citizenship, youth participation and involvement in decision-making processes at local, national and international levels;
- Promotion of social cohesion, inclusion, gender equality and respect for cultural and social diversity;
- Promotion of good governance, transparency, participatory democracy and the creation of public policies aimed at the needs of citizens.

Other goals and activities of the Association for Socio-Cultural Development, STEAM Education and Innovation ASTERA Kavadarci

The association, in order to achieve its goals, carries out the following activities:

- Organises and participates in trainings, workshops, seminars, conferences, public debates and other events in the field of education, STEAM , innovation, digital skills and socio-cultural development;
- Implements and participates in activities to raise awareness about the importance of psychophysical development, mental health, healthy lifestyles and general well-being, especially among young people, in the context of the modern digital environment and the increased influence of social and digital media;
- Organises and participates in cultural, educational and youth exchanges, including volunteer activities at national and international levels;
- Implements national and international projects and programs that contribute to personal, professional and social development, as well as to the development of international cooperation;
- Organises public events, festivals, competitions, campaigns and other promotional activities in the field of education, culture, tradition, innovation and social values;
- Organises and participates in sports, recreational and other activities that contribute to social integration and psychophysical well-being;
- Works on the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage, tradition and alternative tourism as an opportunity for local development, employment and economic empowerment, especially in rural areas;
- Creates conditions and implements activities for the development, support and promotion of innovative, creative and talented citizens, especially young people and women;
- Initiates, proposes and supports measures and policies to improve the legal and institutional framework in the areas of education, STEAM, innovation, digital transformation, entrepreneurship, culture and social development, as well as participates in monitoring their implementation;
- Organises and implements programs for the development of the capacities of citizens, institutions and organisations;
- Develops and manages digital platforms, tools and content for the promotion of education, STEAM, culture, tradition, alternative tourism, innovation, talent and socio-cultural development;
- Organises and implements humanitarian, donation and socially beneficial activities in accordance with the goals of the association;
- Establishes cooperation and membership in domestic and international organisations and networks that work on the same or similar issues;
- It provides material, financial, technical, organisational and legal conditions for the smooth functioning, development and achievement of the goals of the association.

III Organisation, development, membership

Article 9

The organisation of the Association is carried out through its members as well as the structuring of the organs and bodies of the Association.

Article 10

Membership in the Association is voluntary.

Any person may join the Association by accepting this Statute and signing an application.

Honorary membership is awarded to individuals or organisations for their special contribution to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Association.

The conditions and procedure for granting honorary membership will be regulated by a special act of the Association.

Article 11

Members have the following rights and responsibilities:

- To respect the provisions of this Statute;
- To actively participate in the realisation of the goals, objectives and activities of the Association;
- To participate in the decision-making process;
- To propose, elect and be elected to all bodies of the Association.

Article 12

Membership in the Association may be terminated due to:

- Member inactivity;
- Inappropriate behavior by members that damages the reputation and dignity of the Association;
- Failure to comply with the Statute by members; and
- By the will of the members themselves.

IV Bodies of the Association

Article 13

The bodies of the Association are:

1. **Assembly of the Association;**
2. **The President of the Association**

ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY

Article 14

The Assembly is the highest body of the Association, consisting of all members of the Association.

The Assembly meets at least once a year.

The Assembly:

- adopts a statute, program and other acts;
- adopts an annual work report and financial report and publishes it on its website;
- submits a financial report to the competent body of the state administration, i.e. to the body of the municipalities, the municipalities in the City of Skopje and the City of Skopje in cases where it uses funds from the Budget of the Republic of North Macedonia, i.e. the budgets of the local self-government units;
- decides on changing the purpose of the Association;
- decides on the internal organisation and organisational forms of the bodies of the Association;
- elects and dismisses members of the bodies;
- decides on the status changes of the Association;

- decides on the termination of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Association; and
- performs other tasks in accordance with the law, this Statute and the acts of the Association.

Article 15

The Assembly session is convened by the President of the Association.

The sessions of the Assembly are chaired by the President of the Association.

A session of the Assembly is also convened upon the proposal of 1/3 of the members of the Assembly.

If the President of the Association does not convene a session within 14 days from the date of the submitted proposal, then the session shall be convened by the person designated in the proposal submitted by the members who requested the convening of a session of the Assembly, and if no such person has been designated, then the session shall be convened by the oldest member of the Assembly of the Association.

Convening a session of the Assembly is carried out by means of a written invitation to all members of the Association, specifying the exact date, time and place of the meeting, as well as the agenda for the session.

Letters are sent at least 7 days before the date of the session.

Article 16

The Assembly can work if more than half of the total number of members of the Association are present at the session.

Decisions are made by a majority vote of the members present.

Voting is public, unless otherwise provided for in secret for certain issues.

President of the Association

Article 17

The President of the Association is elected by the Assembly of the Association by a simple majority of votes of the members present, with a term of four (4) years and the possibility of re-election.

Article 18

The President of the Association:

- Represents and advocates the Association;
- Convenes and chairs the meetings of the Association's Assembly;
- Represents the work and activities of the Association to the media and other institutions, governmental and non-governmental.
- The President shall submit a report to the Assembly of the Association on his work and activities; and
- other matters in accordance with this Statute and the acts of the Association.

Article 19

If necessary, the association may also hire administrative and technical staff.

V Financing and financial management

Article 20

The association raises funds for its work and activities through the following sources of income:

- membership fee, if the Assembly decides to pay it;
- founding shares;
- voluntary contributions;
- donations;
- gifts of money, goods, property rights;
- wills;
- legates;
- activities that generate profit;
- rents;
- investment income;
- dividends, interest, loans;
- and other income in accordance with the law and the Statute.

VI Transparency in work

Article 21

The work of the Association is public. The Association informs the public about its work through public and other means of information.

After preparing the annual financial report, the association will submit it to the competent authority and will publish it on its website or otherwise make it available to the public.

VII Termination of the Association's work

Article 22

The association is formed for an indefinite period of time and may terminate if:

- The Assembly adopted a decision on termination by a two-thirds majority of the total number of members;
- twice as much time as was scheduled for a session of the Association's Assembly has passed, and it has not been held;
- no final account has been submitted in two consecutive years;
- a decision has been made for a status change that provides for the termination of the Association;
- bankruptcy; and
- liquidation.

In the event of voluntary termination of the Association, the decision to terminate will determine the treatment of the property and funds remaining after the settlement of liabilities, and in other cases, the property and funds will be donated to an organisation with the same or similar goals as the Association.

VIII Final Provisions

Article 23

The provisions of this Statute are interpreted by the Assembly of the Association.

This statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption by the Assembly of the Association.

Kavadarci 20.07.2026

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President:
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