

# **European SALUS Network**

## **Regulation**

### **(English version)**

#### **Premise**

- The SALUS initiative was born on the initiative of Milena Simeoni in December 2018 and manifested itself for the first time during the International Conference “SALUS, focusing on health promotion” organized by LUMEN APS on 1 April 2019 at the EPLO headquarters in Milan and, subsequently, on 10 April 2019 at the European Parliament headquarters in Brussels.
- LUMEN APS launched the SALUS European Network in June 2019 on the basis of the SALUS Position Paper; in April 2021, the Network then approved a programmatic document called "European Manifesto for healthy longevity through lifestyles and environmental sustainability".
- In December 2019, on the initiative of MEP Eleonora Evi, it was born at the European Parliament the SALUS Interest Group, which brings together MEPs from different nations and political groups willing to support the initiatives of the SALUS European Network.
- On 21 June 2023 LUMEN International Foundation was born in Italy which has among its main activities: *"the management of national and international initiatives aimed at promoting environmental health and sustainability, combined with advocacy activities at local, regional, national, European and international institutions"*.
- On 7 July 2023 the Board of Directors of LUMEN APS proposed to LUMEN International Foundation to manage the European SALUS Network as lead body, the Board of Directors of the Foundation accepted on 31 July 2023.
- On 1 September 2023 the Foundation's Board of Directors approved the text of this regulation.
- This regulation replaces any previous agreement signed with LUMEN APS regarding membership of the SALUS European Network.

#### **Art. 1 - Purpose**

The aim of the SALUS European Network is to coordinate actions aimed at promoting a paradigm shift, at European level, which focuses on the indissoluble link between human health, the health of the planet and ecosystems and which leads to a real change towards a healthier, fairer and more environmentally sustainable European society.

The paradigm shift promoted by SALUS is based on these three principles:

- a. curative/repairative action, at every level, should always be supported and closely linked to education and health promotion [a bridge between prevention and treatment];
- b. the approach to problem solving should always be intersectoral, transversal and synergistic [a bridge between reductionism and holism and between science and philosophy];
- c. economic convenience should always be aligned with the common good [a bridge between ethics and economics].

## **Art. 2 - Areas of cooperation**

Based on the purposes described above, the areas of cooperation between the organizations belonging to the SALUS European Network are summarized as follows:

- a. Organize events, sustainable and consistent with the SALUS principles, which disseminate valid information on the concrete possibilities of a paradigm shift on the topic of global health, establishing a constructive dialogue with the European Commission, the European Council and the European States, including those not belonging to the the European Union, as well as with international organizations;
- b. Propose legislative initiatives in the appropriate forums, also encouraging the participation and involvement of European citizens in the debate, highlighting the instrument of European Citizens' Initiatives and any new direct democracy instruments defined at European level as well as those already present in every European State;
- c. Support the launch of researches and data collection testing the effectiveness of transversal and interdisciplinary health promotion paths combined with environmental sustainability and the effectiveness of legislative proposals promoted at local and European level in this area;
- d. Encourage the creation of Interest Groups or Parliamentary Intergroups, both at European and national level, to promote the transversal approach that characterizes the SALUS initiative and promote collaboration with pre-existing and active groups on related topics.

## **Art. 3 - Lead body**

LUMEN International Foundation plays the role of lead body of the Network and deals with:

- a. guarantee the coordination of the activities referred to in this regulation and provide participating bodies with any tool kits or materials produced within the Network, including logos;
- b. organize at least one annual update meeting with the organizations belonging to the Network;
- c. define an annual plan of the Network's activities;
- d. define the annual membership fees referred to in the art. 6;
- e. set up any ad hoc working groups in which representatives of the members can participate;
- f. carry out secretarial activities for the Network and for the Interest Groups connected to it, at European and national level;
- g. carry out administrative activities relating to the activities referred to in this Regulation (e.g. acceptance of estimates, stipulation of contracts, issuing invoices for sponsorships, purchases, collection of donations, etc.);
- h. manage and document the income and expenditure relating to SALUS activities, including the expenses of the LUMEN International Foundation for coordination and secretarial activities and creating an annual report;
- i. define, update and make public the "Guidelines for fundraising and sponsorships in favor of SALUS";
- j. manage the official communications of the Network;
- k. draft advocacy documents (position papers, open letters, official press releases, etc.) using the silenced consent method, for a period of at least 1 week - if the silenced consent is interrupted by a member, consent is verified - in this case the document is signed as SALUS European Network if it obtains at least 15 signatory organizations or 30% of the total members, specifying who signs;

- l. manage the data collected in the exercise of the activities referred to in this Regulation (e.g. newsletter contacts, donors, sponsors, signature collections, etc.) in compliance with the provisions of the art. 10.

#### **Art. 4 - Rights and commitments of the participating entities and individuals**

The organization adhering to the SALUS European Network:

- a. agrees to support the purposes set out in the art. 1 and to undertake to carry out coordinated actions in the areas of cooperation referred to in the art. 2, or to collaborate in their success;
- b. agrees to consult the LUMEN International Foundation before launching any action related to this regulation;
- c. authorizes the LUMEN International Foundation to use, without charging any cost, its name and logo (for example, on the pages relevant to this initiative on the SALUS website) for the purposes set out in this regulation;
- d. declares to be available to be contacted for communications regarding the planning of actions that your organization may be interested in supporting;
- e. agrees to pay the annual fee defined in Article 6, within 30 days of joining ;
- f. has the right to make proposals to the Network regarding SALUS activities;
- g. has the right, if it participates in at least one annual meeting, to vote on the objectives of the annual plan;
- h. has the right of priority in participation, with its own representative, in SALUS events;
- i. has the right to use a range of images and other resources specifically dedicated to SALUS initiatives, – upon request and subject to approval and operational indications of the LUMEN International Foundation;
- j. has the right to view requests for membership of the European SALUS Network from other organizations and requests for admission from the Scientific Philosophical Committee referred to in the art. 8 and to express, within 15 days, any reports or observations that may be useful in the choice of membership/admission.

The participating organization which is not based in Italy can propose to coordinate the actions of the European SALUS Network, in agreement and constant connection with LUMEN International Foundation, in its national territory of reference with the aim of:

- encourage new members of the Network among organizations in that nation;
- encourage the involvement of volunteers to support the Network's actions;
- translate the official documents of the SALUS Network into the national language;
- establish, in collaboration with LUMEN International Foundation, a national coordination of the members of the European Network to encourage involvement in European-level actions and to propose actions at a national level;
- foster relations between the European SALUS Network and the national Parliament as well as other national institutions involved in SALUS issues;
- support fundraising activities by involving donors and national sponsors;
- encouraging any other action that can help the Network achieve its goals.

The natural person belonging to the European SALUS Network:

- k. agrees to support the purposes set out in the art. 1 and to undertake to carry out coordinated actions in the areas of cooperation referred to in the art. 2, or to collaborate in their success;

- l. agrees to consult the LUMEN International Foundation before launching any action related to this regulation;
- m. authorizes the LUMEN International Foundation to use, without charging any cost, its name and logo (for example, on the pages relevant to this initiative on the SALUS website) for the purposes set out in this agreement;
- n. declares that he is available to be contacted for communications regarding action planning that he may be interested in supporting;
- o. agrees to pay the annual fee defined in Article 6, within 30 days of joining ;
- p. has the right to make proposals to the Network regarding SALUS activities;
- q. has the right to use a range of images and other resources specifically dedicated to SALUS initiatives, – upon request and subject to approval and operational indications of the LUMEN International Foundation.

### **Art. 5 - Methods of joining the SALUS European Network**

Private, profit or non-profit organizations, and public institutions which have among their objectives that of education and the promotion of health and/or environmental sustainability and which are not financed, in whole or in part, by organizations in contrast with the guidelines for fundraising and sponsorships in favor of SALUS referred to in the art. 3 letter h) can join the Network.

Natural persons can also join.

The requesting organization/person fills out an online pre-application form.

LUMEN International Foundation will send communication of the request to all the members of the Network and to the members of the Scientific Philosophical Committee.

Within 30 days of sending, having collected any reports or observations, LUMEN will decide in full autonomy whether to admit the requesting organization/person.

After 30 days from sending, and in the absence of communications from the LUMEN International Foundation, admission is considered effective.

### **Art. 6 - Annual membership fees**

The annual fees can be modified by the LUMEN International Foundation with a communication to be sent to all supporters and with effect from the year following the communication.

### **Art. 7 - Effectiveness**

The present Regulation enters into force from the date of approval, which occurred on September 1, 2023.

### **Art. 8 - Philosophical-Scientific Committee**

The committee is made up of experts from different sectors related to the topics of health education/promotion and environmental sustainability. The Committee's task is to offer technical opinions on the official documents of the European SALUS Network and to be available as expert speakers for SALUS events.

Experts who want to apply to be part of the Committee must send a declaration of interest to the LUMEN International Foundation containing:

- a. the commitment to actively participate in meetings and to give voluntary support to the Committee's activities in their areas of professional and scientific expertise;
- b. the declaration of having no conflicts of interest with the activities of the SALUS Philosophical-Scientific Committee or that you have them and, if so, list them;
- c. a brief description of your training experience, your areas of expertise, any publications, academic awards and anything else that may be useful in order to evaluate your professional and scientific skills.

The LUMEN International Foundation will send the communication of the request to all the members of the Network and to the members of the Scientific Philosophical Committee.

Within 30 days of sending, having collected any reports or observations, LUMEN International Foundation will decide in full autonomy whether to admit the candidate.

After 30 days from sending, and in the absence of communications from LUMEN International Foundation, the admission is to be considered effective.

### **Art. 9 - Confidentiality**

LUMEN International Foundation and the members referred to in art. 4 agree to keep confidential all information, classified as confidential, transmitted during the activities of the present Regulation, except where such information has not been made public.

### **Art. 10 - Privacy**

The members referred to in the art. 4 explicitly allow the LUMEN International Foundation:

- i. to insert, in the respective databases, the data transmitted pursuant to this regulation;
- ii. to communicate their data to third parties, if such communication is necessary according to the obligations and rights connected to the execution of this Regulation, or makes the management of the relationships deriving from it easier.

The data collected in the exercise of the activities referred to in this Regulation are the property of LUMEN International Foundation, which manages them in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, relating to the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data, as well as the free movement of such data.

The owner and person responsible for data processing is the President pro-tempore of the LUMEN International Foundation.

### **Art. 11 - Withdrawal and Exclusion**

The members referred to in art. 4 have the right not to continue supporting the SALUS initiative and to free themselves from the obligations set out in this Regulation, sending written communication to LUMEN International Foundation within 30 days.

The possible withdrawal from membership of the Network will not affect the completion of the activities being developed at that time and, therefore, measures will need to be put in place to ensure that the withdrawal does not prejudice any pre-existing and ongoing commitments, projects or activities, so as not to invalidate the purposes of the European SALUS Network.

Failure to comply with the commitments referred to in art. 4 is a reason for exclusion from the Network.