



Cumann Réigiún na hÉireann
Association of Irish Regions
Constitution

1 Name

1.1 The Association shall be known as Cumann Réigiún na hÉireann, the Association of Irish Regions

2 Objectives

2.1 To function in a representative manner to express the collective view of the Regional Assemblies on matters concerning their constitution and the functions for which they have statutory responsibilities.

2.2 To offer advice on any matters pertaining to the spatial, economic and social development of the State or any region thereof including any matter pertaining to balanced regional development and EU Funding.

2.3 To facilitate exchange of information and experience between the Regional Assemblies.

2.4 To arrange meetings, conferences, seminars or publications which will further the objective of improving the quality of service which members give to their authorities and to the public service.

3 Membership

3.1 The Members of the Association shall comprise ex officio the Cathaoirligh, Leas Cathaoirligh and Directors of the Regional Assemblies in the Republic of Ireland. In the interests of continuity of membership of the Association, membership shall also include former Cathaoirligh of the Regional Assemblies for the year immediately following the conclusion of their term of offices as such. In the interests of ensuring representation from all political groupings two additional members of the Association from under-represented political groupings shall be selected by each Assembly at the Assembly annual meeting. If the former Cathaoirleach is no longer a member of the Regional Assembly, the relevant Assembly can nominate a member to fill this position.

3.2 Each Assembly shall nominate two alternate members to attend AIR meetings in the absence of any full member from their constituent Assembly.

3.3 Each Director of the three Assemblies shall nominate one alternate, to ensure appropriate representation at the executive level in the event the Director cannot attend a meeting.

4 Management

4.1 There shall normally be not less than three meetings of the Association each year, one held in each Regional Assembly area. The Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach of the Association shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting.

5 Committees

5.1 The Association of Irish Regions shall have the power to appoint sub-committees, including, but not limited to, an executive sub-committee to advance management and administrative issues for the Regional Assemblies, and an event sub-committee to arrange the annual training seminar.

6 Meetings

6.1 The Association shall meet at least three times per annum and on such other occasions as are considered necessary by the Cathaoirleach, or at the request of three members of the Association.

6.2 The Annual Meeting shall be convened each year generally before the end of September at a venue to be decided by the Association.

6.3 The text of motions from members for an Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary no later than 31st August preceding the date of the Annual Meeting.

6.4 The quorum shall be one third of the membership of the Association + 1.

6.5 The Annual Meeting will, in principle, be an in-person meeting and members commit to attending the Annual Meeting in person with hybrid facilities provided for members who cannot attend in person. Other meetings of the Association shall be hybrid meetings through a combination of in person and remote attendance.

7 Administration and Secretarial Services.

7.1 The executive of the constituent Regional Assemblies shall be responsible for providing administrative and secretarial services for the Association which will rotate every two years between the Regional Assemblies.

8 Finances

8.1 Resources to administer the Association shall be provided by the Regional Assemblies and shared equally. All costs shall be authorised by the Association.

8.2 The expenses of the Association shall be limited to:

- (a) Administrative and secretarial costs
- (b) Costs of organising Seminars, Courses and Publications
- (c) Costs of meetings, deputations etc.

- (d) Costs of research, preparation of cases, studies etc.
- (e) Such other expenses as shall be specifically authorised and approved by the Association from time to time.

8.3 The respective Regional Assembly shall be responsible for meeting the expenses of their members in respect of their attendance at Meetings of the Association.

9 Contributions

9.1 The Regional Assemblies shall contribute equally to the expenses of the Association.

10 Standing Orders

10.1 The Association may make Standing Orders to govern its meetings and proceedings provided they are not in conflict with the Constitution.

11 Alterations to the Constitution

11.1 Alterations, additions or deletions may be made to the Constitution by a decision of an Annual General Meeting, or any Extraordinary General Meeting on the basis of a proposal of which at least six weeks' notice is given.

11.2 A proposal under this Article must be signed by at least four members and must be delivered to the Secretary of the Association within the time specified.

RATIFICATION AND SIGNATURES DATED

26th / 11 / 2024

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