

# **System for the election and renewal of the coordination committee**

## **Definition**

### **Article 1**

The system for the election and renewal of the Coordination Committee is a procedure to elect members for the Coordination Committee appointed to occupy the following positions: presidency, treasurer, secretary and speakers (distinct from spokespeople of thematic committees)(9 people in total).

### **Article 2**

The procedure for the election of the spokespeople for each thematic committee will be detailed later on in a new update of the Internal Regulations that will describe, beyond what is already established in Article 25 of the statutes of the Association, how these positions are created and discharged, and what obligations they entail for those who take on these roles. In any case, these positions must be approved by the General Assembly and will have a duration of 4 years.

## **Characteristics**

### **Article 3**

The system of election and renewal of the Coordination Committee is a set of rules that govern all of its aspects: When can such elections be organized, who has the right to vote on them, who can put forward a candidacy, the characteristics of the voting system via the Metadecidim platform and other aspects that can intervene in the procedure.

### **Article 4**

The system of election and renewal of the Coordination Committee is defined at the Internal Procedures of the Decidim Free Software Association.

### **Article 5**

The Coordination Committee is the entity responsible for the development of the system for election and renewal of the same Committee, given previous approval of the General Assembly of the Decidim Association

## **Election of the Coordination Committee**

### **Article 6**

As stated in the statutes: Each member of the Coordination Committee will be elected by the General Assembly for a four-year term.

### **Article 7**

As stated in the statutes: Every two years the Committee will be partially renewed. In the first half of the term, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer and half of the speakers' offices, and in the second half of the term, the rest of the positions.

### **Article 8**

During the first election of a non-provisional Coordination Committee, to be held in the year 2020, the nine members of the committee will be elected at once, including the positions for presidency, secretary and treasurer. As an exception, in 2022 all positions within the Coordination Committee (including those of the Secretary, Treasurer, and two Speakers chosen by the Coordination Committee) will stand for election, even though their four year terms will not have been completed as specified above.

## **Composition of the Coordination Committee**

### **Article 9**

As stated in the statutes: The Coordination Committee will consist of a minimum of 9 members and a maximum of 21.

### **Article 10**

As stated in the statutes: All members of the Coordination Committee must be of legal age and members of the Association.

### **Article 11**

The Coordination Committee must aim for parity between men and women in its compositions, with a minimum of 40% women. If the election results in a lower percentage of women, a correction under the condition of gender will be done under the details in Article 24.

# Voters

## Article 12

All members of the Decidim Association can be voters if they so decide.

## Article 13

Members with past-due membership fees of the Association are excluded from their right to vote.

# Candidates

## Article 14

Any members of the Decidim Association can be candidates, if they so decide. As stated in the statutes: Those who put forward a formal candidacy can communicate their programmes to all members of the Association via the use of the Metadecidim platform.

## Article 15

Candidacies can consist of one to four people. Collective candidacies should have a composition of a minimum of 50% women (or the number of women should not be less than half-minus-one in case of an odd number). As an exception, in the first election of a non-provisional Coordination Committee to be held in 2020 collective candidacies can be composed of up to seven members.

## Article 16

It will be the new Coordination Committee which, once constituted, will choose and make public the individual positions that need to be renewed.

## Article 17

Collective candidacies cannot be made up of members of the same organization or company.

## Article 18

No more than two individuals that are linked professionally and/or associatively to the same company or social entity that has a relation to Decidim may hold a position in the Coordination Committee simultaneously. Therefore, the maximum number of people that can present a candidacy is the number of people remaining before getting to that number (one if there is already a person with those characteristics within the committee, two if there is none and none if there is already two).

# **The election mechanism**

## **Article 19**

Each member can vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies in the Coordination Committee in the given election call (4, 5 or 9, depending on the occasion). Candidates that are part of a collective candidacy can be voted for either individually and as a group.

## **Article 20**

The voting system will be published in the Metadecidim platform in order for it to be properly known.

## **Article 21**

The Coordination Committee will ensure the correct application of this regulation and the proper functioning of the technical infrastructure used throughout the entire process.

## **Article 22**

A communication channel will be enabled with the purpose of solving any problems and /or questions regarding the voting system.

## **Article 23**

The registration of candidates will be made public to the General Assembly via the Metadecidim platform.

## **Article 24**

The voting system will be enabled as a participatory process. This process will entail the following phases:

1. Announcement of the renewal of the Committee with the positions up for re-election and publication of the electoral census (list of Association members eligible to vote). Opening of claims to the census.
2. (After at least 7 days) Resolution of all amendments to the census and final publication.
3. (At least 7 days later) Submission of nominations: Members may publicly put forward their candidacy to become members of the new Committee.
4. Publication of Candidacies and electoral campaign.
5. (At least 7 days later) Voting phase.
6. Selection of the new members and adjustments if necessary by gender. To cover the vacancies at the Committee, candidates will be selected in order of votes obtained. In the event of a ties, priority will be given to women, and as a second criteria, to the oldest

candidate. If, once all vacancies are covered, the Committee consists of less than 40% women, the man with the least amount of votes in the present election will be replaced by the woman with the most amount of votes among those not initially selected. This process will be repeated until a total of 40% women are reached or there are no more candidates.

7. Announcement of the results. The results will be validated and communicated through the relevant communication channels selected by the outgoing Committee.
8. The incoming Committee will choose among its members who will occupy the positions of presidency, secretary and treasurer.