

EUROPEAN VCU ASSOCIATION'S STATUTE

1. European Association of the examination offices in charge of the coordination and management of testing of the Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) of the agricultural species

An Association of examination offices in charge of the coordination and management of testing of the Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) of the agricultural species is established.

2. Denomination

The denomination of the Association is European VCU Association.

3. Membership

The examination Offices of the EU and EFTA countries in charge of the coordination and management of testing of the Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) of the agricultural species maybe part of the Association.

All costs related to the activities of the Association are covered by the participants.

4. Duration

The duration of the Association is unlimited.

5. Mission

To form a platform for dialogue and exchange of experiences between the Examination offices and reinforce the mutual knowledge about the systems of VCU testing set up by associated countries.

6. Tasks

- To strengthen the harmonization concerning the implementation of the EU rules for VCU testing.
- To discuss the relevant variety testing methods, including new methodologies.
- To organize an annual session of the Association.
- To ensure the management of the website set up for the contacts between the examination offices.
- To set up contact with the international organizations involved in the same issues.

7. Governance

7.1 Assembly

The Assembly is composed by the representatives of the examination offices being part of the Association.

7.2 Bureau

The Bureau is composed by:

- a chairman: representing the examination offices which host the annual session.
- Two vice chairmen:
 - One representing the examination offices which host the previous annual session.
 - One representing the examination offices which will host the following annual session.
- The Secretariat.

7.3 Secretariat

The Secretariat is selected within one of the examination offices being part of the Association.

Task of the Secretariat is to ensure continuity in the management of the Association and to manage the Associations' website.

8. Decision making

Decisions are taken by consensus by the Assembly at the annual session.

9. Annual Session

The Association meets at least once a year upon invitation of the examination office hosting the annual session.

Program and agenda of the annual session is up to the Bureau based on the following layout:

- presentation of the organization system of the country hosting the annual session
- exchanges of views on technical questions on selected topics
- matters related to the management of the website
- decision on the examination offices hosting the annual session in the next two years
- Selection of technical subjects for the following year and establishment of rapporteurs.