



ART NOUVEAU EUROPEAN ROUTE
RUTA EUROPEA DEL MODERNISME

ART NOUVEAU EUROPEAN ROUTE HONORARY COUNCIL

STATUTES

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Article 1: Art Nouveau European Route

The Art Nouveau European Route–Ruta Europea del Modernisme is a non-profit association comprising local government and other public and private bodies committed to protecting, improving, disseminating and promoting the artistic and especially architectural heritage that is known internationally as Art Nouveau, which is also known by other names depending on different European and world regions, such as Jugendstil, Sezession, Glasgow Style, Liberty, Arte Nova, Modernisme, etc.

The main objective of the Route is to raise public awareness amongst European and world citizens in general of the heritage value of Art Nouveau in order to better ensure its survival so that future generations may also enjoy it.

Article 2: Honorary Council Members

The Honorary Council is the maximum governing body of the Art Nouveau European Route and comprises a representative from each of the cities or institutions that have signed the membership protocol. The Honorary Council Plenary Sessions will be convened by the President or at the request of 25 percent of Council members.

The functions of the Honorary Council in its Plenary Sessions will be to approve the general future lines of work of the Art Nouveau European Route and to assess the initiatives that have already been developed by the Secretariat.

Article 3: Agreement Regulations

The decisions of the Art Nouveau European Route Honorary Council will preferably be made by consensus. Nonetheless, if there is a lack of consensus, decisions may be reached by a simple majority, except those decisions that imply a change in these current Statutes, which must be made with a two-third majority.



Similarly, as proposed by the Permanent Board, agreements can also be reached by consensus using communication technologies that make correspondence possible.

Article 4: Permanent Board

The Honorary Council will select four members of the Council to form the Permanent Board of the Art Nouveau European Route. This Board will be presided by an Executive President. The Permanent Board will be the maximum Route body between Plenary Sessions and it will assess and approve the proposals from the Permanent Secretariat in order to develop and dynamise the Route. Similarly, the Board will resolve any doubts or questions presented by the Secretariat or any Honorary Council member.

Article 5: Presidency

The Presidency of the Honorary Council is headed by the Barcelona City Council through its Institut Municipal del Paisatge Urbà i la Qualitat de Vida department, which has been organising the Art Nouveau European Route since the year 2000.

The Presidency comprises an Honorary President, corresponding to the Mayor of Barcelona, and the Executive President, corresponding to the President of Barcelona's Institut Municipal del Paisatge Urbà i la Qualitat de Vida. The Honorary President presides over the Honorary Council's Plenary Sessions and represents the maximum authority of the Route. The Executive President presides over the Permanent Board and directs the Permanent Secretariat in the development of European Route programmes and projects.

Article 6: Permanent Secretariat

The Honorary Council empowers the Barcelona City Council through its Institut Municipal del Paisatge Urbà i la Qualitat de Vida to assume the role of Permanent Secretariat of the Art Nouveau European Route. The offices of Barcelona's Institut Municipal del Paisatge Urbà will be the headquarters and coordination centre of the Art Nouveau European Route.

All the members of the Honorary Council will nominate a person from their organisation to handle any tasks relating to the day-to-day dealings with the Route Secretariat.

Article 7: Funding



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The activities of the Art Nouveau European Route will be financed by a budget from the Barcelona City Council. Membership of the Route implies neither a quota nor any direct financial contribution commitment of its members, apart from any disinterested collaboration on publications and other initiatives developed together.

Any possible profits deriving from the sale of Route products and services will be reinvested in the activities of the Route itself. The Executive President will present an annual audit report to all Route members in the Plenary Sessions.

The Permanent Board will be able to approve new funding sources as proposed by the Presidency once the members of the Honorary Council have been informed and consulted. Any proposal in this respect that receives a negative reply from 25 percent or more of Council members will be rejected or postponed until it is further discussed and approved in another Plenary Session.

Article 8: New Route Members

The Permanent Secretariat will receive the membership demands from the heritage or institutional members of the Art Nouveau European Route and will take these to the Board provided that they are accompanied by a signed agreement of the commitments and general regulations of the Route. The maximum representative of the candidate body and the Executive President must sign the membership protocol. This will imply the full entry of the candidate body in the Route, although the Honorary Council will have to ratify all new members in the subsequent Plenary Session.

Article 9: *coupDefouet*

The *coupDefouet* magazine is the disseminating organ of the Art Nouveau European Route, with its coordination and publication corresponding to the Permanent Secretariat, which will publish a minimum of two issues per year. The magazine's contents will be disinterested contributions by local government and institution members of the Route. In keeping with the spirit of the Route, *coupDefouet* is a non-profit publication; nonetheless, the Honorary Council will assign the Permanent Secretariat to explore, under the direction of the Board, distribution channels that may include releasing the magazine onto the market.

Article 10: Route Book

The *Art Nouveau European Route* book edited by the Permanent Secretariat is the official Route book, highlighting the Route's Art Nouveau heritage and institutional aims. The institution members of the Route will provide the



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Secretariat with the necessary copyright-free material (especially photos and other images) for inclusion in the book. The book will be distributed in the market at a reasonable, competitive price to make it accessible to European citizens.

Article 11: Art Nouveau Club

The Honorary Council will commission the Secretariat to elaborate and present to the Board a proposal to create an international “Art Nouveau Club” through which citizens can have access to the products and services of the Route (*coupDefouet*, *Art Nouveau European Route* book, discounts on tickets to monuments and other services). Local governments and member bodies of the Honorary Council will be able to offer special advantages to citizen members of the Art Nouveau Club in order to promote their heritage and activities. The correct functioning of the Art Nouveau Club will be supervised by the Permanent Board and sanctioned in each Honorary Council Plenary Session.