

STATUTE

of

Trnava Self-governing Region

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Article 1

Fundamental provisions

1. The statute of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “statute“), which is based on laws and other common legally binding regulations, determines the sphere of action and tasks of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “the TSGR“), and it sets its position, activity and relationship with other bodies and organizations, business policy and internal rules of its organization.
2. The TSGR is an independent self-governing regional entity of the Slovak Republic.
3. The TSGR is established according to Act No. 302/2001, Collection of laws on self-governance of higher regional entities.

4. The TSGR is a legal entity that pursuant to Act No. 302/2001, Collection of laws, conducts business with its own assets and revenue. It also protects rights and interests of residents in the Trnava Self-governing Region.

The TSGR has its own symbols it can use in self-governance. The symbols of the Trnava Self-governing Region are coat of arms, flag and seal.

5. The head office of the TSGR is in Trnava.

Article 2 the TSGR's activities

The Trnava Self-governing Region

- a) ensures the creation and performance of the program for social, economic and cultural development in the TSGR's territory,
- b) carries out planning related to the TSGR's territory,
- c) administers, renegotiates and approves supporting territorial planning documentation for the TSGR and regions,
- d) effectively uses local human, natural and other resources,
- e) conducts its own investment and business activities in the interest of the TSGR's residents' needs and development of the TSGR,
- f) establishes, regulates, terminates and controls its nonprofit and allowance organizations, and other legal entities according to particular regulations,
- g) participates in creation and protection of environment,
- h) formulates requirements for optimum mutual relations in residential areas and other components of its territory,
- i) procures and approves programs for development of social services, and collaborates with communities, legal entities and individual persons in construction of facilities and flats designed for providing social services,
- j) creates conditions for health care development,
- k) creates conditions for development of upbringing and education, particularly in secondary schools and development of further education,
- l) creates conditions for formation, presentation and development of cultural values and activities, and takes care of the memorial fund,
- m) creates conditions for development of tourism, and coordinates the development,
- n) coordinates development of physical fitness, sports and care of children and youth,
- o) works together with communities in creating programs for social and economic development in them,
- p) participates in solving problems that relate to several communities in the TSGR's territory,
- q) promotes cooperation between regional communities and authorities of other countries,
- r) carries out other activities established by particular laws.

Article 3

Main activities of the TSGR

- a) activities in the field of its own original competencies and in transferred state administration,
- b) methodical and financial management of organizations in competence of the TSGR,

- c) professional and financial management of expositions established by the TSGR, its agency of regional development and institute of education,
- d) participation in professional and financial management of organizations having assets in the TSGR.

Article 4

International cooperation

1. Within its competencies the TSGR can cooperate with regional and administrative units or offices of other countries or regional entities thereof and groups of other regions and higher regional entities carrying out regional functions. It has the right to become a member of international association of regional entities or regional bodies.
2. Cooperation can take place only upon a written agreement that must contain
 - a) names and head office of the parties,
 - b) subject of agreement (cooperation),
 - c) length of time in which the agreement will be in effect.
3. If it is necessary to establish a special new authoritative body in the agreement on cooperation, the body and its establishment must be disclosed in the agreement. Such a body can only be of a private legal nature.
4. The agreement on cooperation must be closed in writing and prior to that approved by more than a half of all the TSGR's representatives (hereinafter as "representatives").
5. An agreement on cooperation or membership in an international association of regional entities or authoritative bodies must not be in conflict with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, constitutional laws or laws and international treaties by which the Slovak Republic is bound. It also must not be in conflict with the public interest.
6. The TSGR will send a copy of the closed agreement on cooperation or a document of membership in an international association of regional entities or authoritative bodies to the Regional Office in Trnava. The Regional Office keeps a record of closed agreements on cooperation and memberships of self-governing regions in international associations of regional entities or authoritative bodies.
7. The Regional Office in Trnava can file a complaint in the court when conditions indicated in articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 are not met proposing a termination of the agreement on cooperation or membership in the international association or regional entities or authoritative bodies. Prior to filing the complaint, the Regional Office must request an opinion of the appropriate local state authority.

Article. 5

The TSGR's relationship with other authorities and institutions

1. In carrying out its competencies the TSGR collaborates with state authorities, other self-governing regions, communities and legal entities.

2. The TSGR will present the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic a proposal of symbols to be registered in the Heraldic Register of the Slovak Republic.
3. State authorities will provide the TSGR needed information about individual records determined by specific laws. The TSGR will provide state authorities, communities and legal entities information needed for their activities determined by specific laws.
4. State authorities will support the TSGR's cooperation with regional and authoritative entities or those of other countries that perform regional functions. State authorities will ensure that the TSGR is informed of possibilities in such a cooperation.
5. State authorities and the TSGR create conditions for further education of chairpersons, representatives and employees of the TSGR.
6. The head of the Regional Office in Trnava will attend the sessions of representatives when purpose of the session relates to tasks of the local state authority.
7. The TSGR will notify the local state authorities and communities about any deficiencies in their performance of tasks.
8. The community provides the TSGR information from its records to enable the TSGR to perform its tasks.
9. The City of Trnava, where the TSGR's head office is, will assist the latter in situating its offices.
10. State authorities will supervise and monitor the TSGR's activities within the range determined by law².

Article 6

The TSGR's budget and financing

1. The budget is a fundamental tool of the TSGR's financial operations by which tasks and functions in a given financial year are managed.
2. The TSGR's budget expresses the independence of the TSGR's operations.
3. The TSGR's budget contains income and expenses in which financial relations with legal entities, individual persons, an entrepreneur doing business the TSGR's territory or a resident living therein are reflected.
4. The TSGR's budget includes income and expenses of nonprofit organizations or contributions from organizations set up by the TSGR according to a special regulation³ as well as financial relations with legal entities established by the TSGR.

¹ For example Act No.540/2001 Collection of laws on state statistics as amended by later regulations.

² For example Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 39/1993 Collection of laws on the Supreme Inspection Office of the Slovak Republic, Act No. 502/2001 Collection of laws on financial control, internal audit and amendments to some laws, Act No. 153/2001 Collection of laws about the Attorney General's Office

5. The TSGR's budget also includes relationships to the state budget.
6. The TSGR's budget can include financial relationships to budgets of other self-governing regions or communities in its territory.
7. The TSGR satisfies its own needs by its budgeted income and by state subsidies. The TSGR's budgeted income includes the following:
 - a) income from local taxes according to special regulation⁴,
 - b) non-tax income from ownership and transfer of the TSGR's assets, the TSGR's operations and its nonprofit organizations according to a particular law,
 - c) income from the TSGR's financial means,
 - d) sanctions for violation of financial discipline established by the TSGR,
 - e) gifts and income from voluntary collections in favor of the TSGR,
 - f) shares in other state taxes according to a particular regulation⁵,
 - g) subsidies from the state budget to cover expenses or transferred performance of state authority in compliance with the law on the state budget for a given year and subsidies from state funds,
 - h) other subsidies from the state budget in compliance with the law on the state budget for a given financial year,
 - i) special subsidies from the community's budget or a budget of another self-governing region for carrying out contracts according to particular laws⁶,
 - j) resources from the European Union and other resources provided from abroad for a definite purpose,
 - k) other income established by special regulations.
8. The TSGR can also use the following for performing its tasks:
 - a) Resources from monetary funds,
 - b) Profit from business activity,
 - c) Return on financing,
 - d) Associated resources.
9. The TSGR's budget covers
 - a) the TSGR's liabilities resulting from performance of duties established by special regulations,
 - b) expenses for performing the TSGR's self-governing activities according to special regulations and for activities of nonprofit organizations established by the TSGR,
 - c) expenses for performance of transferred state administration according to special regulations,
 - d) expenses related to management, maintenance and assessment of the TSGR's property or a property of other persons which the TSGR uses for performing its task according to special regulations,
 - e) liabilities resulting from cooperation with other self-governing regions or communities, in some cases with other persons for the purpose of ensuring tasks resulting from the TSGR's activities including liabilities resulting from mutual activities,

³ Act No.523/2004 Collection of laws on budget rules of a public authority and amendments to some laws.

⁴ Act No. 582/2004 Collection of laws on local taxes and fees for communal and minor construction waste.

⁵ Act No. 564/2004 Collection of laws on determination of budgeted income from taxes of regional self-governing body and amendments to some laws.

⁶ Act No. 302/2001 Collection of laws on self-governance of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations.

- f) expenses resulting from international cooperation or membership in an international association,
 - g) interest from loans and return on financing,
 - h) expenses related to the TSGR's issue of securities and expenses related to payment of their yields,
 - i) other expenses established in special regulations.
10. The TSGR's proposed budget must be made accessible to the public at least 15 days prior to its approval so that the TSGR's residents, as well as persons according to § 3 paragraph (3) Act No. 302/2001 Collection of laws, can express their opinions. The same refers to annual financial statements proposed by the TSGR.
 11. The TSGR manages its accounting according to a special law⁸. The TSGR's annual financial statements are reviewed by an auditor⁹ who also reviews other activities indicated in the particular law¹⁰.
 12. Position of the TSGR's budget, its creation and content, policy of budgeted activities, creation and use of other than budgeted resources, method of financial compensation among other self-governing regions, relationship to the budget of the state and communities are established by a special law¹¹.

Article 7

Closing statement

The TSGR's closing statement includes information about performance of budgeted income and expenses, which are listed by a budget classification. Part of the final accounting is a balance of assets and liabilities, review of status and development of loans, information about operations of nonprofit organizations in the scope of the TSGR, review of warranties according to individual recipients, information about income and expenses from business activities and assessment of the TSGR's program performance. The closing statement is approved by its representatives.

Article 8

The TSGR's assets

1. The TSGR is a legal entity that owns assets and independently operates with them according to special regulations and Standards of management and operations of the TSGR's assets.
2. The TSGR's assets serve to perform the TSGR's tasks.
3. The TSGR's assets consist of fixed and non-fixed assets, receivables and other asset rights and obligations that the TSGR legally possesses or those that the Trnava Self-governing Region acquires from the state on the basis of law on budget rules, particular law or by its own activity.

⁷ Act No. 302/2001 Collection of laws about self-governance of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations.

⁸ Act No. 431/2002 Collection of laws about accounting as amended by later regulations.

⁹ Act No. 540/2007 Collection of laws about auditing, supervision of auditing and amendment to Act No.431/2002 Collection of laws as amended by later regulations.

¹⁰ Act No. 583/2004 Collection of laws about budgeting rules for regional self-governing entities and amendments to some laws.

¹¹ Act No. 583/2004 Collection of laws about budgeting rules for regional self-governing entities and amendments to some laws.

4. Pursuant to § 16 paragraph 3 Act No. 302/2001, Collection of laws about self-governance of higher regional entities the statutory body in legal relations regarding property is President of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “president“).
5. All legal actions regarding management of the TSGR’s assets must be expressed in a written form in order to be valid.

Article 9

Policy of the TSGR’s asset management

1. The policy of the TSGR’s asset management, approved by the representatives, sets a manner in which the TSGR’s assets should be managed in compliance with the provisions of Act No. 446/2001, Collection of laws about assets of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations as well as rights and duties of persons to whose management, rental or lease the TSGR has entrusted the assets.
2. In compliance with particular regulations and Policy of the TSGR’s asset management, assets may be assumed into the TSGR’s ownership particularly by:
 - a) transfer of state assets according to the law,
 - b) agreement
 - c) purchase
 - d) exchange,
 - e) donation,
 - f) heritage,
 - g) share in the profit by business organizations in which the TSGR has an investment,
 - h) obtaining a liquidation remainder of nonprofit organizations or a settlement share from business organizations in which the TSGR has an investment,
 - i) decision of a state authority,
 - j) its own action.
3. Policy of asset management sets:
 - a) transfer of state assets into the TSGR’s ownership,
 - b) position of the TSGR’s assets,
 - c) management of the TSGR’s assets,
 - d) rights and duties of managers,
 - e) conditions for taking away the function of the TSGR’s asset management from managers,
 - f) conditions and procedures for relinquishing the TSGR’s assets to be used by other persons,
 - g) management of excessive or unuseful assets,
 - h) management of receivables,
 - i) authority of decision making in management of the TSGR’s assets.

Article 10

Regional self-governing entities

1. The authoritative bodies of the TSGR are its representatives and president. Their position and competencies are determined by the law of self-governing regions and this statute.
2. The advisory bodies of representatives are:
 - Council of the TSGR

- Commissions

Advisory bodies are managed by the representatives. The president can direct his/her own advisory body if it is necessary for performing his/her duties.

Article 11

The TSGR's representatives

1. Representatives of the Trnava Self-governing Region is a body consisting of forty TSGR's members elected in a direct election. The manner of electing the representatives is determined by a special law. The representative's term ends at the time a newly elected representative takes an oath.
2. The representatives are dedicated to decide on basic TSGR's issues such as:
 - a) agreement on regulations,
 - b) determining a policy of the TSGR's asset management and operations or assets relinquished for the TSGR's use,
 - c) approving programs for social, economic and cultural development of the TSGR, regional development plans and programs, as well as supporting ground plan documentation of the TSGR and ground plans of regions,
 - d) approving the TSGR's budget and its changes, exercising control of drawing from budget and approving the closing statement of the TSGR; within a range determined by representatives the changes of the budget may be performed by the president,
 - e) accepting loans for the TSGR,
 - f) approving the procedure of rewarding the TSGR's employees according to a special regulation¹³,
 - g) announcing referendums,
 - h) managing, establishing, terminating and controlling the TSGR's legal entities, and upon proposal of the president, appoint and remove their managers (directors) if a particular law does not specify otherwise, and approve investments in the TSGR and legal entity,
 - i) approving agreements according to § 5¹⁴ and combining the TSGR's resources and operations, as well as the TSGR's membership in associations,
 - j) upon the president's proposal to elect and remove vice-presidents from the representatives of the self-governing region (hereinafter as "vice-president"), to determine an appropriate compensation for a vice-president who is chosen to perform a long-term function,
 - k) setting up commissions and other representative bodies, electing and removing their vice-presidents and members,
 - l) electing the head comptroller for a term of six years, removing him/her determining his/her compensation,
 - m) determining the compensation for representatives,
 - n) determining the compensation for members of the commission who are not representatives,
 - o) organizing the Office of the TSGR,
 - p) approving the negotiating process of representatives,
 - q) other issues if not specified in this statute or entrusted to the president by law,
 - r) choosing a representative for performance of a long-term function (hereinafter as vice-president II., vice-president III).

¹² Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 303/2001 Collection of laws on elections for bodies of self-governing regions as amended by later regulations.

¹³ § 1 paragraph 4 Act No. 553/2003 Collection of laws on compensating certain employees working in the public interest and amendments of certain laws.

¹⁴ Act No. 302/2001 Collection of laws on self-governance of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations.

3. The representatives meet as needed, however, at least once in two months; the meeting is called and presided by the president. If the meeting is requested at least by one third of representatives, the president will call the meeting within 30 days from receiving the request. The agenda of the meeting will be given to the representatives in writing no later than 10 days before the meeting takes place. In case of the meeting requested by one third of representatives, it will be announced no later than three days before it takes place; at that time it will be announced in a convenient manner so that also the public can become familiar with it.
4. The representatives always negotiate as a body. It is fit to negotiate and reach an agreement if a majority of all representatives is present. To accept a decision of the representatives an agreement of more than one half of participating representatives is needed. To accept a regulation an agreement of three fifths of all representatives is needed. If representatives are not fit to negotiate and reach an agreement, the president will call a new meeting within 14 days.
5. A meeting of the representatives can take place even when it is not called by the president according to paragraph 3 or 4. In such a case the meeting would be called by a vice-president or a representative who would preside the meeting in the event the president refuses to preside it.
6. If the representatives established an advisory body, they will request a position of the advisory body on the issue prior to making a decision on the subject.
7. A meeting of the representatives will be made public unless they make an announcement that it would not be public. The representatives will always announce the meeting as not public if the subject of the meeting contains information or items that are sensitive or protected by privacy acts¹⁵; this does not go into effect if the subject of the meeting includes:
 - a) use of public resources for salaries, compensations or other appurtenances related to functions of the TSGR, their members, employees or persons who receive a compensation for their activities in the TSGR,
 - b) management of the TSGR's property, particularly transfer of property ownership to the TSGR, acquisition of property for the TSGR or relinquishing the TSGR's property to be used by others.
8. If the President of the Slovak Republic makes a request to speak at the representatives' meeting, a member of the Slovak Government, person authorized by the government, member of a different government body, town or city mayor in the TSGR's region, he/she will be recognized; as well as in case of another person.
9. The ruling and decision of the representatives is signed by the president no later than within ten days from their approval.
10. Details of the representatives' meeting are regulated by the Rules of the Representatives' Meeting.

Article 12

President of the TSGR

¹⁵ E.g. § 2 and 3 Act No. 241/2001 Collection of laws on privacy of information and amendments to certain laws, § 17 to 20 Act No. 513/1991 Labor Code, § 38 Act No. 21/1992 Collection of laws on banks as amended by later regulations, § 23 Act of the Slovak National Council No. 511/1992 Collection of laws on management of taxes and fees and changes in regional financial bodies.

1. The president of the Trnava Self-governing Region is elected by residents of the TSGR in direct elections. The method of electing the president is specified by a particular law¹.
2. The president takes an oath as follows: "I solemnly swear upon my honor and conscience that I will diligently perform my duties, safeguard interests of the Trnava Self-governing Region, observe the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, constitutional laws and generally binding regulations. I will perform my functions as the president to the best of my knowledge and conscientiously."
3. The president represents the TSGR externally. In legal property matters, legal work or other situations the president is a statutory body. He/she makes decisions in matters entrusted to the TSGR by law for the purpose of making decisions about rights and duties of legal entities and individuals in the field of public administration except matters about which the TSGR's Organizational Office, dedicated to organizational order, decides upon president's proposal.
4. The president decides about issuance of organizational and administrative directives that were not assigned to the representatives by law, guidelines, regulations, directives, etc. The president has the right to delegate this activity to the director of the TSGR's office.
5. If the president believes that the decision of representatives is in conflict with the law or it is inconvenient to the TSGR, he/she can annul it by not signing it before a given deadline¹⁸.
6. The provision of paragraph 5 does not relate to the provision of election and removal of the head comptroller.
7. If the decision of the representatives is blocked by paragraph 5, the representatives can confirm the decision by a three-fifth vote of all representatives. The president cannot block the confirmed decision. If the representatives do not confirm the decision within two months from its approval, the decision ceases to be valid.
8. The president can make changes to the budget to the extent determined by the representatives.
9. Once a month the president calls a meeting with chairpersons of commissions to discuss the TSGR's issues.
10. Vice-presidents stand in for the president only to the extent determined by the latter.
11. The function of the president is incompatible with functions of
 - a) spokesperson from the representatives,
 - b) statutory body of a nonprofit or contributory organization established by the TSGR for which he/she was elected,
 - c) the TSGR employee,
 - d) town or city mayor, or

¹⁶ § 3 paragraph 1 Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 302/2001 Collection of laws on self-governance of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations.

¹⁷ Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 303/2001 Collection of laws on elections for offices of self-governing regions as amended by later regulations.

¹⁸ § 11 paragraph 9 Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 302/2001 Collection of laws on self-governance of higher regional entities as amended by later regulations.

- e) according to a particular law
12. The function of the president is a public function and does not bear an employment status. The legal working relationship or temporary work relationship remains intact.
 13. The president merits a pay for his/her functions according to a particular law.

Article 13 Council of the TSGR

1. The council of representatives of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “council“) is an initiating, advising and controlling body of the representatives related to the performance of duties established by the representatives. It performs the duties according to the decision of the representatives. It also performs an advisory function to the president.
Members of the council are elected and removed by the representatives upon the proposal of representatives and their clubs. The council consists of eleven representatives while vice-presidents are members of the council. The council is created if more than a half of present representatives votes for it.
2. The council:
 - a) elaborates and ensures the performance of tasks proceeding from a decision of the representatives, and it organizes a preparation of supporting documentation for the representatives’ meeting,
 - b) set up the representatives’ meeting and presents them its own proposals,
 - c) performs other tasks proceeding from the representatives’ decision,
 - d) organizes and unites activities of representatives’ commissions,
 - e) takes positions on issues presented by the president at the meeting,
 - f) meets as needed, at least once a month. The meeting is called and presided by the president.
 - g) is competent to deliberate if more than a half of all its members are present. To accept the council’s decision votes of more than a half of all its members are required.
2. In relationship to the representatives and president the council’s conclusion is of a recommending nature.

Article 14 Commissions of the TSGR

1. The representatives’ commissions of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “commissions“) are advising, initiating and controlling bodies of the representative.
2. The representatives form the Mandate Commission, Financial Commission and other commissions, if established by a particular legislation; and it can form other commissions as its own permanent ones or as

19 E.g. § 10 Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 39/1993 Collection of laws on the Supreme Control Office of the Slovak Republic § 23 Act No. 385/2000 Collection of laws on judgea and cojudices and amendments of some laws, § 11 Act No. 154/2001 Collection of laws on prosecutors and prosecutor’s legal clerks.
²⁰ Act No. 438/2001 on compensations and other appurtenances related to functions of the president of the self-governing region.

temporary advising, initiating and controlling bodies. Only a spokesperson of the representatives can be a member of the Mandate Commission.

3. Commissions consist of spokespersons and other persons elected by the representatives. The spokespersons must form more than one half of the commission's members. The president of the commission is a spokesperson. To assess professional issues the commission can invite professionals of the trade.
4. Commissions meet as needed, as a rule once a month.
5. Tasks and a form of deliberation of commissions are determined by the representatives.
6. A member of the commission, who is not a spokesperson, can be compensated per year up to a tenfold of the minimum monthly salary established by a special regulation²¹.
7. A member of the commission, who is not a spokesperson, is eligible for reimbursement of expenses according to regulation²² that he/she incurred while performing his/her functions.

Article 15 **Vice-presidents of the TSGR**

1. Besides the function of the vice-president determined according to §11 paragraph 2 letter j) Act No. 302/2001 Collection of laws on Representatives of the TSGR the City Council has approved by the decision of the representatives three positions of spokespersons to perform long-term functions of vice-presidents.
2. Activities and position of the vice-president and spokespersons carrying out long-term functions of a vice-president are determined by the president of the representatives²³.

Sphere of activities and tasks performed by

- a) vice-president
 - coordinates activities in regions of Dunajska Streda and Galanta,
 - coordinates competitive activities in the field of regional politics and development.
- b) II. vice-president – a spokesperson performing a long-term function
 - coordinates activities in regions of Trnava and Hlohovec,
 - coordinates competitive activities in the field of social policies, culture, education and health care.
- c) III. vice-president - a spokesperson performing a long-term function
 - coordinates activities in regions of Senica, Skalica and Piestany,
 - coordinates competitive activities in the field of transportation policies, international relations and public administration.

Article 16 **Head comptroller of the TSGR**

1. The head comptroller of the TSGR (hereinafter as “head comptroller“) is an employee of the TSGR.

²¹ Act No. 663/2007 Collection of laws on minimum wage.

²² Act No. 283/2002 Collection of laws on travel expense reimbursement.

²³ Decision of the TSGR's representatives No. 52/2006/01-City Council.

2. The head comptroller directs and is responsible for his/her activities to the Formation of the head comptroller.
3. The extent of the head comptroller's activities include the following:
 - a) legalities, effectiveness, economic efficiency and efficiency in managing assets and asset rights of the TSGR as well as the property the TSGR uses according to special regulations,
 - b) control of revenue and expenses of the TSGR,
 - c) control of resolving complaints and petitions,
 - d) control of maintaining generally legally binding regulations including the TSGR's directives,
 - e) control of carrying out decisions of the representatives,
 - f) control of observing the TSGR's internal policies,
 - g) control of carrying out all other tasks.
4. During the performance of his/her controlling function the head comptroller complies with § 13 to 25 Act No.502/2001 Collection of laws on controlling and internal audit.
5. The following report to the head comptroller:
 - a) Office of the TSGR,
 - b) nonprofit and contributory organizations established by the TSGR,
 - c) legal entities in which the TSGR has no investment, and other persons using the TSGR's property,
 - d) persons to whom the TSGR provided subsidies or financial assistance while using these means.
6. Tasks of the head comptroller:

The head comptroller

 - a) presents the representatives a plan proposal of controlling activity once every six months, which must be made public no later than 15 days before a meeting with the representatives,
 - b) creates professional positions in agreement with the TSGR's proposed budget and proposed closing statement before its approval by the representatives,
 - c) upon a request from the representatives he/she presents a report on the results of an audit at the earliest meeting,
 - d) presents the representatives a report of controlling activities at least once a year, i.e. within 60 days from the beginning of a calendar year,
 - e) works together with state authorities on matters of management control by means allocated to the self-governing region from the state budget or structured funds of the European Union,
 - f) must carry out an audit when the representatives request it,
 - g) performs other tasks established by a particular law.
7. If an audit indicates a need of a professional other than an employess of the TSGR, the head comptroller can delegate the task to such a professional in writing. The head comptroller must justify this action to the representatives.

8. The head comptroller cooperates with respective state authorities in matters of controlling.
9. The head comptroller attends meetings of the representatives as an advisor. He/she can also attend meetings of commissions formed by the representatives.

Article 17 **Office of the TSGR**

1. Administrative and organizational affairs of the representatives, president and other bodies established by the representatives are handled by the Office of the Trnava Self-governing Region (hereinafter as “office“) formed by the TSGR’s employees.
2. The office work is organized and managed by the office director of the TSGR (hereinafter as “office director) who reports to the president. Competencies and activities of the office director are determined by the president.
3. The office director is a permanent member of advisory bodies to the president, and he/she attends meetings of the representatives and advisory bodies.
4. The office is internally divided into the following areas:
 - a) section is the fundamental level of management and decision making in which a professionally rounded and complex field of conceptual, methodical, managerial and controlling activities take place,
 - b) branch is an organizational unit that embodies a wider range of related specialized activities
 - c) department is an organizational unit that ensures the performance of a narrower range of specialized professional tasks.
5. The office of the TSGR’s president has a special classification for activities of the president, department of the head comptroller for his activities, secretary offices for the vice-presidents of the TSGR and department of the Office Director of the TSGR.

Article 18 **Other bodies and legal entities in the TSGR’s activities**

Regional Development Agency of the TSGR

The Regional Development Agency of the TSGR is a stand-alone central regional development agency in the Trnava Self-governing Region, which is professionally, methodically and financially managed by the office. Specialized professional departments of the agency and office ensure transfer and application of relevant information from controlling bodies via their structures and by means of the TSGR Exposure of its legal entities and individual persons including persons requesting assistance. In cooperation with professional departments of the office, with a section of the office for regional development and TSGR’s Exposure they operate a programming, monitoring, consulting, analytical, informative and implementing service for the end recipient of assistance. The Regional Development Agency of the TSGR coordinates activities of the TSGR Exposure network.

The TSGR Institute of Education

The TSGR Institute of Education provides linguistic and professional education to employees of the office and those of the organization who have organizational functions in the TSGR.

The TSGR Exposures

The TSGR Exposures in counties of Dunajská Streda, Galanta, Hlohovec, Piešťany, Senica and Skalica comprise an agency network representing the Regional Development Agency and office in the Trnava Self-governing Region. They provide communication and information between the office and legal entities or individual persons of the TSGR in social, economic, cultural and presentational field. They regularly monitor and evaluate information about situations in all areas of the society's life in the TSGR's region. They also keep a database of information and process supporting documentation for creating conceptual materials and programs for development in the TSGR.

Organizations operating in the TSGR

1. According to special regulations the Trnava Self-governing Region establishes, organizes, revokes and controls nonprofit and contributory organizations operating in the TSGR. Nonprofit and contributory organizations foundation authorities of the TSGR are legal entities that pay the TSGR for financial relations determined by organizational and special regulations. They observe the guidelines of the TSGR to implement their basic public functions or for public activities. These tasks, for which they were created, are specified in the subject of the organizational document. Nonprofit and contributory organizations operating in the TSGR (hereinafter as "OFA") can in their own name gain rights and create obligations from the date of their creation.
 - a) nonprofit organizations of the TSGR
 - secondary schools and school facilities,
 - social facilities,
 - management and maintenance of roads.
 - b) contributory organizations of the TSGR
 - secondary schools and facilities,
 - health care facilities,
 - cultural facilities.
2. The TSGR has entrusted its property to the OFA management. The property management of the OFA represents an authorization to use the property, develop it according to its capabilities and manage it according to the local legal regulations and internal regulations of the TSGR. The manager of the property is not authorized to burden the TSGR property in any manner, place it in favor of a third party or use it to ensure his/her own obligation.
3. The TSGR methodically regulates the OFA in accordance with particular regulations, internal regulations of the TSGR related to individual subjects of activities of the OFA.

Article 19

Concluding provisions

The statute of the TSGR is approved by the representatives. The statute may be changed or appended if

- a) There are any substantial changes in activities or tasks of the TSGR,
- b) Substantial changes are expected in standards of activities or organization of the TSGR above the rules specified in this statute,
- c) There are substantial changes in activities or tasks of the TSGR as a result of abolishment of legal regulations or other directives on whose basis the TSGR performs its tasks,
- d) There are substantial changes in activities or tasks of the TSGR as a result of new legal regulations or other directives containing tasks for the TSGR.

This statute will become valid and effective on the day following the date of its approval by the representatives, and it is binding for spokespersons and the bodies of the TSGR, legal entities and organizational units, employees and individual persons operating and organizing in the TSGR.

The Statute of the Trnava Self-governing region was approved by the Representatives of the Trnava Self-governing Region on 6 September, 2006, decree No. 103/2006/06.

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