

**Statutes of the Association of Legal Entities Technology Platform
"Energy Security of the Czech Republic"**

I.

Name, registered office and legal form of the Association

- 1.1. The association is called: Technology Platform "Energy Security of the Czech Republic" (hereinafter referred to as "TPEB"). The translation of the name TPEB into English is: Technology platform "Energy security of the Czech Republic".
- 1.2. Headquarters: Prague, Czech Republic
- 1.3. TPEB was established as an interest association of legal entities according to the provisions of the Act. § 20f) et seq. of Act No. 40/1964 Coll., stating that within the meaning of the provisions of the Act No. 40/1964 Coll. Section 3051 of Act No. 89/2012 Coll. (Civil Code) exercises the right to change its legal form to an Association under this Act.
- 1.4. TPEB is a legal entity.
- 1.5. The association carries out its activities to the extent specified below in the territory of the Czech Republic.
- 1.6. The association is a non-profit organization and has no political or religious aims.

II.

Scope of activity (mission) TPEB

- 2.1. The mission of TPEB is to create a scientific research and industrial base aimed at supporting activities related to research, development and implementation of technologies and innovations related to ensuring the protection of critical infrastructure of the Czech Republic in the areas of energy and cybernetics.
- 2.2. TPEB defines, represents, supports, defends and promotes the legitimate and common interests of its members in the field of research, development and application of modern technologies increasing the level of energy and cyber security of the Czech Republic.
- 2.3. TPEB contributes to the mutual coordination of activities and awareness of state administration entities, research and development entities and security technology suppliers, in connection with the programmes of the EU, NATO, ČR, and related financial resources.

III. Objectives of TPEB

31. TPEB strives to involve its members in European structures, projects and platforms that deal with a coordinated increase in the level of energy and cyber security of the common space and individual member states, especially activities related to the mandate of the European Commission EU No. M/487 on security standards.
32. TPEB strives to use the professional, research and technological skills of its members and their involvement in EU projects with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of the Czech Republic. The use of the results of research and development is primarily aimed at innovating technologies in the field of energy and cyber security, especially increasing the efficiency of these technologies, introducing new methods of organizing related processes and cooperation between members and public institutions, and increasing the technical and utility values of technologies in this area.
33. TPEB systematically maps the global situation and developments in the field of science, research and trends in the implementation of modern technologies in the field of energy and cyber security.
34. TPEB systematically monitors the possibilities of obtaining funds from the EU, the Czech Republic and others to support research, development and implementation of modern technologies in the field of energy and cyber security.
35. TPEB is actively involved in the creation of related standards and methodologies for setting up binding certification in the field of energy and cyber security.
36. TPEB, together with state administration bodies, co-creates the system and institutional provision of energy and cyber security of the Czech Republic.
37. TPEB systematically optimizes safety parameters to ensure the safety of people and property.
38. TPEB provides expertise and consultations for state and local authorities in areas related to energy and cyber security, with an emphasis on assessing the degree of threat and vulnerability of crisis points of the energy and cyber infrastructure of the Czech Republic.
39. TPEB strives to establish and maintain a system of effective risk management.
- 3.10. TPEB prepares and implements projects in the field of science, research and implementation of modern security technologies, applications for their funding and provides related consulting services.
- 3.11. TPEB promotes related activities and technologies of Czech entities abroad in an appropriate way, with the aim of supporting the competitiveness and export of the Czech Republic and involvement in foreign structures and activities.

IV.
Basic principles of TPEB's activities

- 4.1. Membership in TPEB is voluntary and TPEB does not interfere in the internal affairs of its members.
- 4.2. TPEB's decisions concerning its internal affairs are binding only on its organs.
- 4.3. Other decisions of the TPEB have the character of recommendations in relation to its members and are binding on the TPEB bodies.
- 4.4. The association does not undertake any activity that could be construed as a violation of competition and the principles of the open market.

V.
Formation and demise of TPEB

- 5.1. TPEB acquires legal capacity upon registration in the public register.
- 5.2. The dissolution of TPEB and the subsequent property settlement, including the method of liquidation and the appointment of a liquidator, fall within the decision-making powers of the General Meeting.
- 5.3. After the liquidation is completed, the liquidation balance is settled. The share of an individual TPEB member in its liquidation balance is determined in proportion to the contributions paid by him.
- 5.4. In other cases, generally binding regulations apply to the liquidation of the Association and its property.

VI.
TPEB Membership

61. Members of TPEB may be (hereinafter referred to as the "Member") legal entities, or scientific and research entities and contributory organizations that develop or prepare activities in the field of energy and cyber security, or participate financially or in its development.
Members may use the designation "Member of the Technology Platform Energy Security of the Czech Republic".
62. The founding members became members of the TPEB on the basis of signing the minutes of the constituent General Meeting, with effect from the date of registration of the TPEB in the public register pursuant to par. 5.1.
63. Other members become members of TPEB depending on their level of membership by the decision of the Executive Committee on admission as a full member of TPEB or by the decision of the Executive Committee on the admission of an associate member of TPEB.

64. A prerequisite for the decision to admit is the submission of an application, which includes an affidavit in which the future member declares that he or she meets the following conditions:
- is not bankrupt, has not been subject to an insolvency petition, has not been declared bankrupt or allowed to reorganize, and the petition for declaration of bankruptcy has not been rejected for lack of assets, nor is it in liquidation;
 - does not have tax arrears recorded in the tax records;
 - does not have outstanding arrears of insurance premiums and penalties for public health insurance or for social security premiums and penalties and contributions to the state unemployment policy;
 - the statutory body or its member has not been convicted of a criminal offence related to the subject of business of this legal entity or association, or of a criminal offence of an economic nature, a criminal offence against property or another intentional criminal offence;
 - he had not previously been expelled from the TPEB.
65. In the event of a negative decision, the Executive Committee will notify the applicant of this fact within 10 working days and inform the applicant of the reason for the rejection of the application. An applicant may apply for a new hearing of the application no earlier than one year after the rejection of the application.
66. In the case of a positive decision, the Executive Committee will set a deadline at the same time as the decision, within which the applicant is obliged to sign a declaration in which he undertakes to respect the Articles of Association and the decisions of its bodies in full. At the same time, the applicant shall provide the basic information of the person who will act in the association on his or her behalf.
67. TPEB membership may refer to:
- 6.7.1 full membership;
 - 6.7.2 Associate membership.
68. Regular and associate membership differ in the amount of membership fees, the degree of their rights and the degree of influence of the member on the organization and management of TPEB.
- 6.8.1 A full member of TPEB has the opportunity to influence the organizational structure and strategic management of TPEB, the right to participate and vote at the General Assembly. The Executive Committee decides on the admission of a full member.
 - 6.8.2 An associate member of TPEB has the right to be informed about the results of the meetings of TPEB bodies. The Executive Committee decides on the admission of an associate member. With the approval of the Executive Committee, an associate member of TPEB has the right to participate in the

General Meeting.

69. Regular and associate membership in TPEB expires
 - 6.9.1 Withdrawal;
 - 6.9.2 Expulsion.
610. The body that decided on the admission of a member to TPEB also decides on the expulsion of a TPEB member. The reason for expulsion of a TPEB member is in particular:
 - 6.10.1 its actions against the interests of TPEB or against the interests of TPEB
 - 6.10.2 in accordance with Act No. 182/2006 Coll. (Insolvency Act), the member has been legally declared bankrupt
 - 6.10.3 Member went into liquidation
611. Regular and associate membership ceases to exist on the day when the resignation of a full or associate member of TPEB was discussed by the body that decided on the admission of this member to TPEB.
Regular and associate membership expires on the date of the decision of the competent body of TPEB on the expulsion of a full or associate member from TPEB or on a later date specified in the decision on expulsion.
612. It is possible to withdraw from TPEB at any time on the basis of a written notice addressed to TPEB.
613. An expelled or withdrawing member shall not be entitled to a refund of any benefits provided to TPEB, in particular membership fees, unless a special agreement concluded between TPEB and this member stipulates otherwise.

VII. TPEB Observers

- 7.1. In order to attract new strategic members, the Executive Committee may decide to assign the status of TPEB observer to any legal entity, scientific or research entity or contributory organization that develops or prepares activities in the field of energy and cyber security, or participates financially or in its development.
- 7.2. The observer is provided with information related to the upcoming and implemented TPEB projects. The observer is entitled to participate in current and future TPEB projects. TPEB cooperates with the Observer in its activities and to achieve its objectives.
- 7.3. The observer is entitled to submit his proposals and initiatives to the Executive Committee. With the prior consent of the Executive Committee, the observer has the right to participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly, but does not have the right to vote or make proposals at the General Meeting.

- 7.4. The status of observer is granted by a decision of the Executive Committee for a period of one year, unless otherwise determined by this decision. At the end of the one-year period or the period determined by the decision of the General Assembly, the Observer shall be expected to become a full or associate member.
- 7.5. Observers are bound by the statutes of TPEB.

VIII. Financing and principles of TPEB management

- 8.1. TPEB manages its assets independently. TPEB's assets consist of things, rights, fixed and current assets, receivables, financial assets and other assets created during the period of its activity.
- 8.2. TPEB's activities are financed from its revenues.
- 8.3. Property and financial means necessary to achieve the goals of the Association are obtained in the form of:
- subsidies from the budget of the Czech Republic;
 - subsidies from EU and other foreign development programmes;
 - membership fees;
 - observer fees;
 - Fees for regularly provided services and revenue from other services
 - income from donations and legacies;
 - income from own assets;
 - income from the organization of various events.
- 8.4. TPEB's income also includes members' entry and annual membership fees. Membership fees are:
- 8.4.1 Entry – payable within 30 calendar days of the commencement of membership in TPEB.
- 8.4.2 Annual – payable annually by the end of January of the relevant year, or within 30 calendar days of the commencement of membership in TPEB during the year
- 8.5. New members of TPEB are obliged to pay the first annual membership fee in a proportional amount, starting from the month following the month of their membership in TPEB. Decisions on changes in the amount of membership fees fall within the competence of the General Assembly.

86. TPEB's revenues also include observer fees, the amount and due date of which is specified in the specific decision of the Executive Committee on granting observer status.
87. In accordance with its budget, TPEB's revenues are used mainly to cover costs associated with the implementation of TPEB's subject of activity and for its further development.
88. The financial management of TPEB is managed by the TPEB budget.
89. The budget of TPEB is approved annually by the General Assembly. The TPEB budget includes the expected revenues and expenditures to ensure the tasks and needs of TPEB in the given accounting period. The accounting period of TPEB is a calendar year.
- 8.10. TPEB expenditure is expenditure incurred in accordance with the TPEB budget to achieve the objectives of the TPEB and other expenditure approved in accordance with the Articles of Association by the Executive Committee.
- 8.11. The Executive Committee is responsible for the implementation of the TPEB budget approved by the General Assembly.
- 8.12. The Board of Directors controls the implementation and budgeting of TPEB.
- 8.13. If the need for unsecured reimbursement arises during the accounting period, the Executive Committee may decide to implement measures to ensure it.
- 8.14. TPEB keeps accounts and records of TPEB's assets and management in accordance with the relevant generally binding legal regulations. The Executive Committee is responsible for the proper maintenance of these records.
- 8.15. The financial statements for the given accounting period are approved by the General Meeting of TPEB after the opinion of the Board of Directors.
- 8.16. If, during the accounting period, there is a risk of exceeding the expenditure part of the budget by more than 50% of the volume of membership fees in a given year, the Executive Committee is obliged to convene a General Meeting within 20 days.
- 8.17. On the basis of the decision of the General Assembly, it is possible to establish special or special-purpose funds. Subject to the approval of the General Assembly, members and observers may contribute to the creation of these funds; these contributions may be returned to members and observers only with the approval of the General Assembly. The Executive Committee decides on the use of special or special-purpose funds, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise. Funds collected in special or special-purpose funds may be used in accordance with the decision of the General Meeting and in accordance with the mission of TPEB, in particular to acquire shares in companies and/or special-purpose clusters.

IX. Rights and Obligations of Members

a) Rights

- 9.1. Every regular member of TPEB has the right to vote and be elected to the bodies of the Association, to express his/her opinion on the activities of TPEB and its bodies and to request explanations from them regarding all decisions.
- 9.2. Each full member of TPEB has the right to submit his/her proposals for changes and modifications of the basic documents, in particular the Articles of Association, and the TPEB programme, and proposals of candidates for the election of members of TPEB bodies.

b) Duties

- 9.3. TPEB members are obliged to comply with the TPEB Statutes.
- 9.4. Each member is obliged to inform TPEB about its activities in the field of energy and cyber security in a manner determined by the TPEB Executive Committee.
- 9.5. Every member, bodies of TPEB and employees of TPEB are obliged to protect the good name of TPEB and not to damage the reputation of TPEB by their actions. When a member acts on behalf of the TPEB, he or she promotes and explains the TPEB's policy objectives and standpoints.
- 9.6. Each member is obliged to inform TPEB of any change in the data necessary for keeping records of members and of all facts that may affect the activities of TPEB, with the exception of classified information.
- 9.7. The protection of the Member's intellectual property in TPEB's activities will be subject to a separate agreement between the Member and TPEB.

X. TPEB Bodies

10.1. The bodies of the TPEB consist of:

- 10.1.1 General Meeting;
- 10.1.2 Board of trustees; and
- 10.1.3 Executive Committee.

XI. Competence of the TPEB bodies

11.1. General Meeting of TPEB

- 11.1.1 The General Assembly is the highest body of the Association. It decides on all fundamental matters of the Association. The Ordinary General Meeting is held

at least once a year, always no later than 12 months from the end of the relevant fiscal year. The General Meeting consists of regular members, acting by their statutory bodies or represented by persons on the basis of a power of attorney. Each regular member of TPEB has one vote for the purposes of voting at the General Assembly. Voting at the General Assembly is done by show of hands (acclamation). The counting of votes is carried out by the Chairman of the General Assembly, a member of the Executive Committee authorised until his election. The General Assembly shall adopt rules of procedure for the form of deliberations, voting or other necessary activities.

- 11.1.2 The Ordinary General Meeting, which approves the financial statements for the past accounting period, must be convened in such a way that it is held no later than 12 months after the end of the previous accounting period.
- 11.1.3 Members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, the Head of the Secretariat and guests invited by the Executive Committee (e.g. observers) participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.
- 11.1.4 The General Meeting is convened by the Executive Committee by written invitations addressed to the addresses of the seats of the regular members of TPEB at least 20 days before the date of the General Meeting. However, TPEB members may waive this deadline, the consent of all members is required. The agenda of the General Meeting must be sent together with the invitation. If all full members are present on issues which have not been raised on the agenda, may act at the General Assembly only if there is a proposal to supplement the agenda adopted by at least 2/3 of the votes of the members present.
- 11.1.5 The Executive Committee shall also convene the General Assembly on the initiative of at least 1/3 of the members of the Association or on the initiative of the Board of Trustees, within 30 days of receipt of the initiative. If they fail to do so, the person who submitted the complaint may convene the General Meeting himself/herself, at the expense of the Association.
- 11.1.6 Whoever convened the General Assembly may cancel or postpone it in the same way as it was convened. If this happens less than one week before the announced date of the meeting, the Association will reimburse the members who came to the meeting according to the invitation for the costs reasonably incurred. A meeting convened pursuant to par. 11.1.5 may be revoked or postponed only at the request of or with the consent of the person who initiated it.
- 11.1.7 The General Meeting decides in particular on:
- amendments to the Statutes, whereby 2/3 of the votes of all full members are required for the adoption of such a decision;
 - membership or cooperation or merger with others;

- elects and dismisses members of the Board of Trustees and decides on their remuneration;
- budget approval;
- approval of the annual report and financial statements for the previous accounting period;
- approval of the amount of initial and annual membership fees and the form of their payment;
- TPEB expenses in the amount exceeding CZK 2,000,000 above the budget approved by the General Meeting;
- control of the use of TPEB funds;
- TPEB's entry into and ownership interests in other organisations;
- the abolition of TPEB and the method of property settlement;
- all issues reserved by the General Meeting;
- on other matters which have been placed on the agenda on the basis of a proposal by the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees or members representing at least 1/3 of all regular Members;
- all issues not regulated by these Statutes or otherwise not regulated by the activities of TPEB;
- takes note of the admission and expulsion of a full member and the auditor's report on the management of TPEB.

11.1.8 The General Assembly elects its Chairman and Minutes. Until the election of the Chairman, the General Assembly is chaired by an authorized member of the Executive Committee.

11.1.9 The Executive Committee is obliged to ensure that the minutes of the General Meeting are prepared without undue delay, but no later than 30 days from the date of the General Meeting. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairman of the General Meeting and the Minutes Clerk.

11.1.10 The General Assembly has a quorum if at least half of all regular members of TPEB are present. If the General Meeting does not have a quorum, the Executive Committee shall convene a substitute General Meeting so that it takes place no later than 30 days from the date on which the original General Meeting was convened. The substitute General Meeting shall be convened in the manner specified in Article 11.1.4 of these Statutes, and the period specified therein shall be shortened to 10 days. The substitute General Assembly has a quorum regardless of the number of members present. The substitute General Meeting decides by a majority of the votes of the regular members present, unless these Statutes require a qualified majority.

- 11.1.11 The adoption of a decision of the General Meeting requires the approval of an absolute majority of the votes of the regular members present at the General Meeting, unless the Articles of Association stipulate a higher number of votes.
- 11.1.12 A written record is kept of each meeting of the General Meeting, which is then sent to all members, regardless of their participation in the General Meeting, within 30 days of its completion.
- 11.1.13 The General Assembly may adopt resolutions per rollam. The rules of conduct per rollam are regulated by the TPEB Statutes in Article 11.1.14.
- 11.1.14 Rules for voting per rollam:
- Proposals, for the discussion of which it is not possible or expedient to convene a meeting of the General Meeting, may be sent to the regular members of TPEB for discussion outside the General Assembly in writing or electronically (hereinafter referred to as "for rollam")
 - full members of the TPEB must be acquainted with the matter discussed per rollam, including the draft resolution. The deadline for voting per rollam is set by the Chairman of the Executive Committee that circulated the proposal. The deadline for voting in writing is at least five working days
 - the full members of the TPEB shall comment on the proposal sent per rollam in the required manner, stating whether they agree, disagree or abstain from voting; They may also state the reasons for their position
 - If requested by an absolute majority of the full members of the TPEB , the Chairman of the Executive Committee, which sent out the proposal for discussion per rollam, must stop voting per rollam . The proposal is then voted on by a duly convened General Meeting. The Chairman of the Executive Committee may stop the voting per rollam even without such a request from the full members of the TPEB
 - the minutes of the adopted resolution approved per rollam shall be attached to the minutes of the next meeting of the General Assembly and shall be verified during the duly convened General Meeting;

11.2. Board of trustees

- 11.2.1 The Board of Trustees is a collegiate body of TPEB consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, two Vice-Chairmen and members of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.2.2 Members of the Board of Trustees are elected by the General Assembly. Re-election is possible. If a position of a member of the Board of Trustees becomes

vacant during the term of office, it may be filled by a member co-opted by the Board of Trustees. The term of office of a co-opted member lasts until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

- 11.23 Each member of the Board of Trustees shall have one vote. The Board of Directors shall act by an absolute majority of all members; in the event of a tie, the decisive vote shall be the vote of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The details of the Board's deliberations and decisions are set out in the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Trustees approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 11.24 The term of office of the members of the Board of Trustees is 5 years.
- 11.25 The Board of Directors must have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 16 members.
- 11.26 The members of the Board of Trustees elect the Chairman, the 1st Vice-Chairman and the 2nd Vice-Chairman from among their members. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees convenes and chairs meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.27 The members of the Board of Trustees may be representatives of the state administration, representatives of regular members and representatives of the professional public.
- 11.28 One member of the Board of Trustees is always the guarantor of one of the interest sections of TPEB referred to in Article 13 par. 13.2 whose activities it controls.
- 11.29 The activities of the Board of Trustees are managed and coordinated by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and, in his absence, by the 1st Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.210 The Board of Trustees meets at least once a year.
- 11.211 The first members of the Board of Trustees were elected by the founding members of TPEB by a simple majority of the founding members present at the constituent General Assembly of TPEB.
- 11.212 Board of trustees:
- is the control and revision body of TPEB;
 - elects and dismisses the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee; approves the remuneration of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee;
 - decides on the creation and organisation of ad hoc advisory bodies of TPEB.

11.3. Executive Committee

- 11.3.1 The Executive Committee is the statutory body of TPEB and the highest body among the General Meetings. The Executive Committee acts on behalf of TPEB. The Chairman of the Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Executive Committee and signs on behalf of the TPEB separately or by two members of the Executive Committee together.
- 11.3.2 The Executive Committee consists of three members, consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and one member. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee is five years.
- 11.3.3 The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee are elected by the Board of Trustees. If a position of a member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant during the term of office, it may be filled by a member who is co-opted by the Executive Committee. The term of office of a co-opted member lasts until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. The first members of the Executive Committee, i.e. the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member of the Executive Committee, are elected for a three-year term of office by the founding members of TPEB by a simple majority of the founding members present at the constituent General Assembly of TPEB.
- 11.3.4 The Chairman of the Executive Committee convenes and chairs the meetings of the Executive Committee. The Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee represents the Chairman in his absence or when he is unable to perform his duties.
- 11.3.5 Each member of the Executive Committee has one vote. The Executive Committee decides by an absolute majority of all members; in the event of a tie, the decisive vote shall be the vote of the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The details of the Executive Committee's deliberations and decisions are set out in the Rules of Procedure approved by the Executive Committee.
- 11.3.6 If a member of the Executive Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee for serious reasons, he/she may delegate his/her representative.
- 11.3.7 In addition, the Executive Committee shall:
- convenes the Ordinary General Meeting at least once a year, or a substitute General Meeting in accordance with these Articles of Association;
 - submits reports and proposals to the General Assembly and prepares the proceedings of the General Assembly;
 - executes the decisions of the General Meeting;
 - decides on the admission of new full and associate members and their possible expulsion;
 - decides on the allocation of observer status and, where applicable, on the period for which observer status is granted;

- decides on the level of observers' fees and their due dates;
- convenes the General Meeting on its own initiative or on the proposal of the Board of Trustees or members of TPEB, representing at least 1/3 of its regular members;
- approves the organisational structure and staffing of the TPEB secretariat, including salaries;
- appoints and dismisses the head of the TPEB Secretariat, decides on its remuneration and supervises its activities;
- submits to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly the annual report on the activities of the Executive Committee, the draft annual budget and the auditor's accounts;
- decides, for extraordinary reasons, on adjustments to the membership fee, payments for services, payment dates, reductions or exemptions from payment;
- checks the status of the membership base, the correctness and completeness of the payment of membership fees and payments for services;
- decides on the establishment of new expert teams and interest sections within the TPEB in addition to the interest sections listed in Article 13.2.

11.3.8 Chairman of the Executive Committee:

- is responsible for ensuring the organization and activities of TPEB and managing its operational affairs and management;
- decides on the remuneration of TPEB employees and other collaborators;
- appoints its representatives for individual activities, interest sections and expert teams of TPEB;
- performs day-to-day management of TPEB's assets;
- approves, together with the Board of Trustees, the internal rules of TPEB;
- regularly participates in meetings of the Board of Trustees in an advisory capacity.

11.3.9 The decision of the Executive Committee may be made per rollam due to time constraints.

11.3.10 The Executive Committee meets for its meetings as needed, but at least once a year. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees or a member of the Board of Trustees designated by him shall have the right to participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

- 11.3.11 The Executive Committee decides on TPEB's expenditures beyond the budget approved by the General Meeting up to a total amount of CZK 2,000,000 in the relevant accounting period.
- 11.3.12 Minutes are taken of the meeting. The minutes must be delivered, including the attendance list, to all members of the Executive Committee within 15 working days.

XII. Secretariat and Head of the TPEB Secretariat

- 12.1. To ensure the organization and activities of TPEB, a TPEB secretariat is established.
- 12.2. The work of the Secretariat is managed and the head of the Secretariat is responsible for it.
- 12.3. The Head of the Secretariat is appointed and dismissed by the Executive Committee.
- 12.4. The Head of the Secretariat acts and signs on behalf of the TPEB within the scope of his/her authorization by the TPEB Statutes. The Head of the Secretariat exercises the rights and obligations of the employer on behalf of TPEB, in particular hiring employees and terminating employment relationships.
- 12.5. The Head of the Secretariat shall take all steps to ensure the proper operation of the TPEB;
- 12.6. The Head of the Secretariat has the power to decide on TPEB expenditures up to CZK 100,000.

XIII. TPEB Interest Sections and Expert Teams

- 13.1. Interest sections are created for long-term solutions to specific issues monitored by TPEB.
- 13.2. The constituent interest sections of TPEB are as follows:
 - 13.2.1 Energy security
 - 13.2.2 Cyber Security
 - 13.2.3 Security of the financial sector
 - 13.2.4 Critical Infrastructure

The activities of each interest section are overseen by one member of the Board of

Trustees, who is responsible for that section.

- 13.3. An expert team is created to solve a time-limited specific issue or project.
- 13.4. Representatives of interest sections and expert teams may, on the basis of a decision of the Executive Board, participate in its meetings in an advisory capacity.

XIV. Final Provisions

- 14.1. The Articles of Association of TPEB may be amended only by a decision of the General Meeting.
- 14.2. These Statutes come into effect on the day of their adoption at the TPEB General Meeting, i.e. on 1 December 2017, and on that date they enter into force and become effective.
- 14.3. These Statutes replace the Statutes of the Technological Platform "Energy Security of the Czech Republic" of 25 June 2015.

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