

**Election Rules<sup>1</sup>**  
**for the Election of the Members of the Executive Board of**  
**European Beat Studies Network, e.V.**

Part 1: General Provisions

Section 1: Election Cycle

Members of the Executive Board are elected for terms of four years, with terms of office being staggered such that two seats on the Executive Board are to be filled each year.<sup>2</sup> Members of the Executive Board may be reelected without limitation.<sup>3</sup> The term of office of a newly elected member of the Executive Board begins with the close of the annual Meeting of the Members at which he or she is elected.<sup>4</sup> His or her term of office ends with the close of the Meeting of the Members at which his or her successor is elected.<sup>5</sup>

Section 2: Right to Vote

Every member of the Association has the right to vote in elections of the members of the Executive Board.<sup>6</sup>

Section 3: Number of Votes

Each member has one vote for each seat on the Executive Board to be filled at the Meeting of the Members. He or she may cast only one vote for a candidate, i.e. may not combine his or her votes.

Section 4: Candidate Eligibility

Only members of the Association may be elected to the Executive Board.<sup>7</sup>

Part 2: Candidate Nominations and List of Candidates

Section 5: Candidate Nominations

Every member of the Association may nominate candidates (including himself/herself) for the Executive Board.<sup>8</sup> If a member wishes to nominate another member, he or she must have obtained the latter's written consent, which must be emailed to the Association. Nominations are to be made and submitted using the form posted for this purpose on the Association's

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the members in accordance with Section 11.8 of the Articles of Association at the Meeting of the Members held on [DATE OF 2025 AGM].

<sup>2</sup> Section 12.6 of the Articles of Association

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<sup>6</sup> Section 11.9 of the Articles of Association

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website in advance of each election. A statement of the reasons for the candidacy is desirable but not mandatory.

#### Section 6: Nomination Period

The nomination period each year begins on November 15. The deadline for submission of nominations is December 15. Only nominations received by the deadline will be included in the list of candidates.

#### Section 7: List of Candidates

After the submission deadline, the Executive Board is to compile a list of nominated candidates for each seat on the Executive Board to be filled at the Meeting of the Members. It is to publish this list, together with any candidate statements submitted with the nominations, on the Association's website on or before December 20.

### Part 3: Voting Procedure and Results

#### Section 8: Creation of Ballots

Using the lists of candidates described in Section 7, above, the Executive Board is to create ballots for each seat on the Executive Board to be filled at the Meeting of the Members. For this purpose, as well as for running the elections themselves, the Executive Board is to use the cloud-based voting platform operated by [ElectionBuddy](#).

#### Section 9: Casting of Ballots

On or about January 1, members are to be sent an email through ElectionBuddy prompting them to cast their votes electronically for the seats on the Executive Board to be filled at the Meeting of the Members, along with simple instructions on how to submit their ballots. Voting is to be anonymous. However, the email addresses from which the members submit their electronic ballots are to be collected and then compared against the Association's Register of Members to ensure that votes are cast only by members. Electronic ballots that have not been properly completed are to be deemed invalid.

#### Section 10: Voting Period

The voting period begins when the email with the invitation to cast a vote is sent out to the members through ElectionBuddy. The voting period expires at 11:59 p.m. CET on February 1. It is not possible to cast a vote after that time.

#### Section 11: Counting of Votes

The Executive Board is to designate one of its members to act as election officer and oversee the voting procedure. Immediately after the voting period expires, he or she is to tabulate the votes based on the electronic results provided by ElectionBuddy and submit the tabulation to the Executive Board for approval.

#### Section 12: Tie Vote

If, after tabulating the results, the election officer determines that two or more candidates received the same number of votes, he or she is to immediately create a run-off ballot on ElectionBuddy listing the tied candidates and send an email through ElectionBuddy to all members prompting them to cast their run-off vote. The run-off voting period begins when the email with the invitation to cast a run-off vote is sent out to the members through ElectionBuddy. The run-off voting period expires at 11:59 p.m. CET on February 10. It is not possible to cast a run-off vote after that time.

#### Section 13: Announcement of Winners

The Executive Board is to announce the winners of the election at the Meeting of the Members. The members are to adopt a resolution ratifying the election results.