

On the basis of Section 5 (1) Clause 2 and Section 64 (2) Point 2 of the Act on the Revision of the University Law of the State of Brandenburg (*Gesetz zur Neuregelung des Hochschulrechts des Landes Brandenburg – BbgHG*) dated 28 April 2014 (Legal and Regulatory Gazette I/14, No. 18), amended by Article 2 of the Act dated 5 June 2019 (Legal and Regulatory Gazette I/19, No. 20) in conjunction with Section 10 (3) Clause 1 Point 1 as well as Section 15 of the General Regulation of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) dated 28 January 2015 (Official Disclosures of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), No. 01/2016, p. 1), the Senate of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) has enacted the following charter for the European New School of Digital Studies (ENS)¹¹:

Charter
for the European New School
of Digital Studies
of the European University
Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
dated 29 January 2020

§ 1

Position within the European University
Viadrina (EUV)

The European New School of Digital Studies (ENS) is a central academic institution of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (henceforth: EUV) under the responsibility of the President of the EUV in accordance with Section 65 (1) Clause 4 Point 2 and Section 74 (2) Clause 2 BbgHG. It is based at the Collegium Polonicum.

§ 2

Objectives

(1) The ENS contributes towards profiling the EUV in connection with the research focus “European digital society”.

It promotes the interdisciplinary research of cultural, social, political, legal and economic opportunities and challenges associated with digitalisation. It ties with the founding mission of the EUV, which aims at promoting internationality and interdisciplinarity, the development of the region this side of the Oder and beyond and in particular German-Polish cooperation as well as overall European integration. It takes the collaboration with the Adam Mickiewicz University to a new level and expands on and deepens this founding mission of the EUV to research the effects of digitalisation and the possibilities of its organisation.

(2) The ENS has the task of developing interdisciplinary teaching of the research focus named in Paragraph 1 and supporting the establishment of corresponding courses of study. It has the task of developing innovative teaching formats with the use of digital technologies and promoting their use.

(3) The ENS lays the foundation for a future transition to an organisational basic unit with its activities in research and teaching.

§ 3

Membership

Members of the ENS are:

- a) the Director of the ENS, the university teachers appointed at the faculties for the ENS as well as the persons employed full-time in the institution in accordance with Section 2 of the General Regulation of the EUV;
- b) the additional members approved by the President with the approval of the ENS General Meeting upon request in analogy to Section 15 (6) of the General Regulation of the EUV. As a rule, the affiliation of further members is to be limited in time: re-approval is permissible.
- a) the students matriculated in the study courses assigned to the ENS.

¹ The President issued her approval with the decree dated 29 January 2020.

§ 4

Associated persons and institutions

- (1) Associated persons of the ENS are:
- a) fellows of the ENS for the duration of the fellowship, i.e. persons independently active in academia whose research projects are primarily financed by funds from the ENS;
 - b) the post-doctorate guest researchers active at the ENS for the duration of their guest placement at the EUV.
- (2) Moreover, further persons may be associated with the ENS. Association is not tied to affiliation with the EUV. Associated persons are not members of the EUV. A request for association is to be addressed to the Directorship in writing. The Director of the ENS shall decide on the request. As a rule, the association of further persons is to be limited in time: re-approval is permissible.
- (3) Association ends upon expiry of the time limit.

§ 5

Cooperation of members and associated persons

- (1) Members:
- are permitted, in accordance with this charter and the possibilities of the ENS, to use its infrastructure and cooperate in the bodies of the ENS, and;
 - are to be supported by administrative means in their academic activities.
- (2) A General Meeting of all members of the ENS is to convene at least once per semester (ENS General Meeting). All members of the ENS are entitled to vote.
- (3) Associated persons may participate in the ENS General Meeting with a right to speak and submit motions, but are not entitled to vote.

§ 6

ENS General Meeting

The ENS General Meeting may adopt a position on all matters of the academic orientation and administrative organisation of the ENS. The General Meeting may express recommendations to the Directorship. It shall elect a member of the ENS, who does not belong to the Directorship of the ENS, as the Chair. The General Meeting shall pass its recommendations and positions with a simple majority of the members present and with at least one quarter of all members. The ENS General Meeting shall issue rules of procedure for itself.

§ 7

Directorship of the ENS

- (1) The ENS will be directed by a university teacher of the EUV (Director of the ENS). The university teachers appointed to the ENS become members of the Directorship upon appointment.
- (2) The Directorship may also be expanded to an appropriate extent. The further members of the Directorship must likewise be university teachers of the EUV.
- (3) The Director of the ENS and the further members pursuant to Paragraph 2 shall be appointed for a period by the President of the EUV at the proposal of the Senate of the EUV. The term of office of the Director as well as the further members pursuant to Paragraph 2 amounts to four years. Re-appointment is possible. Premature resignation must be declared with a notice period of three months.
- (4) As soon as the Directorship comprises multiple persons, the Director of the ENS shall hold the chair function. Resolutions are to be passed with a simple majority. In the event of a parity of votes, the vote of the Director of the ENS shall count twice. In urgent cases, resolutions may be passed in a written circulation procedure if no member objects to such procedure.
- (5) The Director of the ENS handles the operations of the running administration.

(6) In particular, the Directorship has the following tasks, insofar as this does not concern the operations of the running administration:

- a) deciding on the structural organisation and academic profiling of the ENS;
- b) deciding on the use of allocated funds and the assignment of the staff of the ENS;
- c) deciding on proposals to the President for the conclusion of cooperation agreements with other academic institutions.

§ 8

Advisory Board

- (1) An Advisory Board is to be appointed for the ENS, which has the task of submitting recommendations and statements on the academic and structural development of the ENS.
- (2) The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Directorship for the period of three years. Re-appointment is possible. The Foundation Board may appoint a further member.
- (3) The Advisory Board shall elect a Chair and convene at least once per year.
- (4) The Advisory Board forms a quorum when the majority of all members are present. It passes its resolutions with a majority of Yes or No votes submitted (simple majority).

§ 9

Equality

The responsibility for matters of equality lies with the Central Equality Officer.

§ 10

Financing

As a rule, the ENS shall finance itself using funds from the university budget and from acquired third-party funds. Donations from third parties are possible when they are compatible with the objectives of the ENS.

§ 11

Publications

- (1) The findings obtained through academic research with funds of the ENS are to be published in a suitable, high-quality form.
- (2) The ENS follows the guidelines of the DFG for good scientific practice.
- (3) The ENS contributes towards achieving the objectives of the "Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in Sciences and Humanities" with its publication strategy.

§ 12

Final provisions; entry into effect and abrogation

- (1) The Senate of the EUV shall pass supplements or amendments to this charter.
- (2) This charter enters into effect on the day following its publication in the Official Disclosures of the EUV.