Bylaws of

Luiss Think Tank Europe

(Approved by Luiss University’s Executive Committee at its meeting of 30 March 2023)

## TITLE I

**TTE Aims and Activities**

## Article 1

**Scope of Application**

These Bylaws govern the purposes, activities, and organization of Luiss Think Tank Europe (TTE), created from the transformation of Luiss University’s School of European Political Economy (SEP), resolved by the University’s Board of Directors at its meeting of 4 December 2022.

## Article 2

## Purpose

TTE has as its purpose policy-oriented and funded research activities in the areas specified hereunder, by way of example, including in support of the University’s Post-Graduate Schools' post-graduate education activities.

The areas in which TTE aims to operate through policy proposals and policy-oriented research are:

* monetary policies, public finance, structure and regulation of the financial system (European economic governance);
* industrial policy, innovation and industrial sustainable development;
* digital transition (economics of data).

## Article 3

## TTE Activities

TTE produces working papers and policy briefs as well as promotes public engagement initiatives and other forms of dissemination of research in the above areas. TTE also aims to be included in the rankings of top think tanks worldwide.

TTE will have the ability to source external funds on projects related to its sphere of operation and in coordination with the directions given by the Academic Board and the Advisory Board, informing the University’s Vice Rector with responsibility for Post-Graduate Coordination, the University’s Vice Rector for Research and the Deans of the University’s Post-Graduate Schools.

## TITLE II

**Organization and Functioning**

## Article 4

## TTE Governance

TTE’s governance is structured as follows:

* the President
* the Dean
* the Management Committee (*Comitato Direttivo*)
* the Academic Board (*Consiglio Scientifico*)
* the Advisory Board

## Article 5

The President

The President, appointed by the University’s Board of Directors acting on a proposal from the University’s President, holds office for three years and may be reappointed.

## Article 6

**The Dean**

The Dean, appointed by the University’s Board of Directors acting on a proposal from the University’s Rector, after consultation with the University’s General Manager and the Deans of the University’s Post-Graduate Schools, is chosen from among the University's tenured professors.

The appointment is for three years and may be renewed for one term only. The Dean may not hold any other non-teaching institutional positions within the University.

The Dean:

* + coordinates TTE’s applied research activities in support of the advanced education activities of the Post-Graduate Schools;
  + is equated for all purposes with the Deans of the Post-Graduate Schools, thus participating – as a full member – in meetings of the Academic Senate and may be invited to meetings of the University’s Board of Directors in cases where issues concerning TTE are on the agenda of the meeting;
  + proposes TTE’s strategic plan and annual budget based on input from the Academic Board, the Advisory Board and the Deans of the Post-Graduate Schools for approval by the University’s Executive Committee;
  + represents TTE nationally and internationally and in non-economic agreements with outside bodies;
  + directs and oversees the smooth operation of TTE in accordance with the University’s regulations.

## Article 7

**The Management Committee**

The Management Committee, chaired by the Dean, is the collegial body responsible for managing TTE. Its members are:

* the Dean;
* the president of TTE;
* the coordinators of the 3 research areas mentioned in Article 2, appointed by the Dean.

## Article 8

**The Academic Board**

The Academic Board is composed of scholars who are experts in TTE’s fields of expertise.

The activities of the Academic Board are coordinated by its Chairperson.

The Chairperson and the members of the Academic Board are appointed by the University’s Board of Directors acting on a proposal from the University’s Rector. They hold office for three years and may be reappointed.

The members of the TTE Management Committee also serve on the Academic Board.

The Academic Board:

* + contributes, together with the Advisory Board, to establishing the guidelines for TTE’s strategic plan through opinions and proposals;
  + assesses implementation of the annual of the annual program of funded research activities;
  + promotes TTE at national and international institutions, associations and enterprises, and in the media;
  + identifies new areas of applied research to support the advanced education activities of the Post-Graduate Schools;
  + guarantees TTE’s independence.

The functions of Secretary to the Academic Board are performed by the Dean of TTE.

The University’s Rector, Vice Rector for Research, Vice Rector with responsibility for Post-Graduate Coordination and General Manager or their representatives are invited to the meetings of the Academic Board.

The Deans of the Post-Graduate Schools and the Heads of Departments at the University may also be invited to attend meetings.

The Academic Board meets at least twice a year. Meetings are convened by the Chairperson or at the behest of one third of the Academic Board’s members.

## Article 9

**Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board consists of up to 15 entrepreneurs and managers of major Italian companies (corporate members) and top representatives of Italian public institutions, appointed by the University’s Executive Committee acting on a proposal from the President of TTE.

The members of the TTE Management Committee also serve on the Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board:

* + contributes, together with the Academic Board, to establishing the guidelines for TTE’s strategic plan through opinions and proposals;
  + identifies TTE strategic policy themes;
  + develops shared positions to support Italian and European decision-making processes, including through producing position papers;
  + supports TTE in funding activities for its applied research initiatives;
  + develops proposals for the promotion of TTE and its activities.

The University’s Rector, Vice Rector for Research, Vice Rector with responsibility for Post-Graduate Coordination and General Manager or their representatives are invited to the meetings of the Advisory Board.

The Deans of the Post-Graduate Schools and the Heads of Departments at the University may also be invited to attend meetings.

The Advisory Board is convened and coordinated by the President of TTE and meets at least twice a year. The functions of Secretary to the Advisory Board are performed by the Dean of TTE.

Corporate members of the Advisory Board are required to pay an annual membership fee.

## Article 10

**Transitional Provisions**

The education activities of the University’s School of European Political Economy, ongoing as at 31 December 2022, may be assigned to individual Post-Graduate Schools to ensure the continuity of those activities from a teaching and administrative standpoint in accordance with the University’s regulations. In this case, a percentage set on the basis of the income statement of the said education activities will be allocated to support funded research activities on foot of a resolution adopted by the University’s Executive Committee.

## Article 11

**Final Provisions**

For any matters not governed by these Bylaws, reference is to be made to the University’s Statutes and regulations.