



CUOS Regulations WBTR grant

CUOS regulations for assisting student organizations with modifications to their Articles of Association arising due to the Management and Supervision of Legal Entities Act.

Objective

The objective of these regulations is to provide financial assistance to student organizations associated with the University of Groningen, enabling them to amend their Articles of Association in accordance with the new Management and Supervision of Legal Entities Act (WBTR). The University of Groningen aims to provide financial assistance to student organizations that require such assistance to amend their Articles of Association.

Article 1

The following definitions shall apply to these Regulations:

- a. The University, the UG: the University of Groningen.
- b. The Board of the University, the Board: The Board of the University of Groningen.
- c. The CUOS: The Central Executive Board for Student Organizations.
- d. The Regulations: the CUOS Regulations.
- e. Grant: financial assistance provided by the CUOS or the University of Groningen, intended to facilitate amendments to the Articles of Association under the purview of the WBTR.
- f. Hanze UAS: Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen.
- g. Organization: a student organization that represents the University of Groningen student community, defends and promotes the interests of University of Groningen students, is generally open to all University of Groningen students and whose Board consists of students.
- h. Student: a person enrolled as such at the University of Groningen or the Hanze UAS or a person who is affiliated with the University of Groningen as a PhD student.
- i. WBTR: Dutch Management and Supervision of Legal Entities Act.

Article 2 general conditions for student organizations

- a. Eligible organizations shall be a student organization in Groningen and have a legal personality and full legal competence, demonstrated by:
 - i. Articles of Association certified by a notary
 - ii. current registration with the Chamber of Commerce
- b. The organization's Articles of Association must at least include:
 - i. a list of the organization's objectives;
 - ii. a list of the organization's activities;
 - iii. a statement to the effect that the organization operates on a non-profit basis.
- c. In addition, the Articles of Association must state at least the following:
 - i. that the organization focuses on the UG's student community and, where applicable, the Hanze UAS;
 - ii. that the executive board of the organization consists of students;
 - iii. that the organization is generally open to all students registered at the UG or the Hanze UAS.
- d. The organization prepares a budget, an annual report, and annual accounts every year.
- e. At the discretion of the CUOS, the organization helps promote the reputation of the UG and of the Hanze UAS, and of the city of Groningen as a university city.
- f. The organization adheres to the agreements set out in the Introduction Period Regulations of the UG and the Hanze UAS, at the discretion of the Advisory Committee on Introduction Periods (ACI).



Article 3 Total funding available

1. A maximum grant of €500 may be awarded per organization. Furthermore, there is an overall cap of €30,000 on the total amount of grants that the CUOS may award under this scheme. Applications shall be assessed in the order in which they are submitted.

Article 4 Application procedure

1. Applications may be submitted in the period from 1 September 2022 to 30 April 2023.
2. When applying for a grant under CUOS's WBTR scheme, a fully completed application form and the appendices mentioned therein should be submitted. This form can be accessed at www.rug.nl/cuos.

Article 5 Substantive assessment criteria

The CUOS will conduct a substantive assessment of any applications submitted, based on the following criteria:

1. Content (quality and substantiation), organizational approach, and how it is elaborated, taking into account professionalism, feasibility, and the timeframe;
2. Objectives (to what extent these primarily focus on an amendment to the Articles of Association under the purview of the WBTR);
3. Level and reasonableness of costs;
4. The capability and dedication the organization needs to generate its own income;
5. The organization's ability to fund the amendment to its Articles of Association from its own resources.

Article 6 Weighting factors

The CUOS shall also take into account the following weighting factors, when assessing an application and determining the grant amount to be awarded:

- a. The extent to which the proposed amendment to the Articles of Association primarily pertains to the WBTR;
- b. The extent to which financial assistance from the CUOS is required. The consistency and clarity of the student organization's financial strategy shall be taken into account in this regard. The organization's capacity to fund the amendment to its Articles of Association from its own financial resources is also evaluated.

Article 7. Provisional decision

1. The CUOS will inform the applicant of its provisional decision within six weeks of receiving the application.
2. A provisional decision shall include:
 - a. The amount of the grant awarded;
 - b. Further information that the organization shall provide or the conditions under which the grant will be definitively awarded.
3. Once the provisional decision to grant financial support has been taken, the grant shall be paid out.



Article 8. Justification

The organization must send justification and a financial report to the CUOS no later than 1 November 2023. The justification must in any case include:

- a. The amended Articles of Association;
- b. An invoice showing that the grant has been spent on notary fees.

Article 9. Reduction of the grant

The CUOS is authorized to reduce the grant or set it to €0 if:

1. The organization has submitted inaccurate or incomplete information, and a different decision would have been made regarding the grant application had the correct or complete information been provided;
2. The amendment to the Articles of Association, for which a grant was awarded, was not made or was not made completely;
3. The organization failed to provide proper documentation regarding the amendment to the Articles of Association and any related expenses;
4. The organization was aware, or should have been aware, that the grant award decision was otherwise incorrect;
5. The grant recipient's legal personality has been dissolved;
6. The activities do not meet the obligations attached to the grant.

Article 10. Definitive decision

1. Based on the documents submitted in accordance with Article 8, and subject to Article 9, the CUOS shall decide definitively to award the grant.
2. The decision not to award a grant is also a definitive decision.

Article 11. Views and Objection

1. The CUOS's decisions regarding a WBTR grant are deemed to have been taken on behalf of the Board.
2. It is possible to contest a provisional decision by submitting a view to CUOS within six weeks. Once this period has elapsed, the provisional decision will become definitive.
3. Organizations have the right to lodge an objection with the Board within six weeks after a definitive decision is issued, pursuant to the General Administrative Law Act (AWB; *Algemene wet bestuursrecht*). Objections can be submitted via the Central Portal for the Legal Protection of Student Rights.

Article 12. Unforeseen circumstances

All matters not provided for by these Regulations shall be decided by the CUOS.

Article 13. Citation

These regulations may be cited as: the CUOS Regulations WBTR grant.

Article 14. Entry into force and application period

1. This regulation shall enter into force on 1 September 2022, and remain in force until 1 September 2023.
2. Applications can be submitted in the period from 1 September 2022 to 30 April 2023.
3. If an organization amended its Articles of Association in compliance with the WBTR before this regulation came into effect, it may still apply. In that case, the amendment to the Articles of Association must have been made in the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 August 2022.