Proposed modifications ESPP statutes v4/2/2022

Current statutes are online here https://www.phosphorusplatform.eu/platform/about-espp. No modifications are proposed to the articles of the statutes not reproduced below: modifications concern only articles 3 and 6 as below. Proposed modifications are in red.

Note: the French version of the ESPP statutes is legally binding. The English translation is indicative for information. The changes below will be made in the official French statutes deposited with the Belgian authorities. The proposed modification in French is:
« Article 3: Objectifs et activités. Les objectifs d’ESPP sont de promouvoir, faciliter, contribuer à et/ou mettre en œuvre la gestion durable du phosphore et/ou le recyclage d’autres nutriments en Europe » (etc).

Article 1: Form and Name - UNCHANGED

The association is set up under the form of a non-profit association. The association is named “European Sustainable Phosphorus Platform” (hereafter referred to as “ESPP” or the “Association”) … … …

Article 3: Purpose and activities

ESPP’s objectives are to promote, facilitate, contribute to and/or implement sustainable phosphorus management and/or recycling of other nutrients in Europe.

These objectives include in particular, but not exclusively, the following issues:

➢ phosphorus as a non-renewable and critical resource for agriculture (food supply) and industry in Europe
➢ sustainable phosphate rock supply, mining and processing, including industrial applications
➢ phosphorus re-use, recovery and recycling of phosphorus and in synergy with other nutrients/minerals and in synergy with carbon/energy
➢ phosphorus use effectiveness and efficiency in agriculture (in crop and animal production) and the in the bio-economy (bio-energies and bio-materials production …)
➢ sustainability and safety of the food chain, from farm to diet

ESPP can carry out any actions which are lawful and undertake any activities appropriate to the achievement of its objectives. ESPP can undertake any activity related directly or indirectly to these objectives and can participate in or support any similar actions which are consistent to these objectives. In particular, and not exclusively, ESPP shall engage the following actions in the context of its objectives:

• promote, through communications and awareness raising, the general principles of sustainable phosphorus management and nutrient recycling
• facilitate the definition of a shared vision of sustainable phosphorus management in Europe
• identify, initiate or support dialogue, networking, information exchange, innovation, collaborative actions, policies, business cases and economic models, value-chains, etc.
• identify and address obstacles, propose solutions, communicate opportunities
• contribute to knowledge development, dissemination and implementation
• facilitate dialogue concerning proposals for policies, regulation or actions to contribute to sustainable management of phosphorus and to nutrient recycling in Europe
• outreach to, communicate and raise awareness with a different sectors and stakeholders, including: farming, fertilisers and animal feed, chemicals and minerals, wastes and waste water, agri-food industries, bio-resources and bio-energies, food security and diet …
• support the development of national phosphorus/nutrient platforms/networks in Europe and of actions at different scales towards a circular economy for phosphorus and of other nutrients
• cooperate with organisations involved in sustainable phosphorus management and nutrient recycling outside Europe, including phosphate rock producers / producing countries, networks, conferences, technology suppliers, organisations concerned by global phosphorus governance

Article 6: Conditions for Membership (Members and Partners)

…. … b) Activities: Must have activities or products related to sustainable phosphorus management and/or recycling of other nutrients/minerals. Must not carry out activities which are contrary to ESPP’s objectives. … …