

**CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
STRATOS RESEARCH
DEED OF INCORPORATION**

In the year 2026, on the twentieth day of the month of January, in Rome, at the premises located at Via Matteo Bartoli, 121 – 00143, Rome (RM), Italy, the following persons are present:


1. Alessandro Mazzarini, born in Rome on 08/01/2004, residing at [REDACTED], Tax Code [REDACTED];
2. Matteo Nicoletti, born in Rome on 20/12/2003, residing at [REDACTED], Tax Code [REDACTED];

The appearing parties, by mutual agreement, hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. A non-recognized Association named “**Stratos Research**” is hereby established among the present parties, pursuant to Articles 36 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code.
2. The Association has no profit-making purpose and pursues civic and socially beneficial aims through economic information and dissemination. The registered office is established at Via Matteo Bartoli, 121 – 00143, Rome (RM), Italy.
3. The Association is governed by its Articles of Association (Statute), composed of 19 (nineteen) articles, which are attached to this Deed (Annex A) as an integral and substantial part hereof.
4. The founding members establish that the Association shall be administered by a Board of Directors composed of two Co-Presidents. Alessandro Mazzarini and Matteo Nicoletti are appointed as Co-Presidents, who accept the office with the powers defined in the Statute.
5. The first financial year shall end on 31 December 2026.

Read, confirmed, and signed in Rome on 20 January 2026

Mr. 

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (ANNEX A)

TITLE I – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Art. 1 – Name and nature

A non-recognized Association named “Stratos Research” is hereby established pursuant to Articles 36 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code.

The Association operates as an independent community of economic and social analysis, research, and dissemination, founded on the cultural and scientific contribution of its members.

Art. 2 – Registered office

The registered office is established at the location indicated in the Deed of Incorporation. The transfer of the registered office within the same Municipality may be decided by the Co-Presidents.

Art. 3 – Purposes and values

The Association has no profit-making purpose and pursues civic and socially beneficial aims through:

1. the promotion of economic, financial, and social culture;
2. the production and dissemination of informational, analytical, and research content;
3. the accessibility and scientific rigor of information.

Stratos Research recognizes its members as its scientific and cultural reference community, valuing their intellectual, critical, and constructive contribution as an essential element for the pursuit of its purposes.

Art. 4 – Common fund

The common fund of the Association consists of:

1. membership fees, where applicable;
2. voluntary contributions from members and third parties;
3. donations, liberal contributions, and funding;
4. any proceeds deriving from association activities;
5. any other assets or resources acquired by the Association.

The common fund is exclusively allocated to the pursuit of the Association’s purposes and may not, under any circumstances, be distributed among members, even in the event of dissolution of the Association.

The management of the common fund is entrusted to the Board of Directors, which administers it in accordance with these Articles of Association and the resolutions of the General Assembly.

TITLE II – MEMBERS

Art. 5 – Members

The number of members is unlimited. Any natural person who shares the Association's purposes and principles may join the Association.

Membership entails acceptance of these Articles of Association and of the resolutions of the Association's governing bodies.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject applications for membership with stated reasons.

Art. 6 – Rights of members

Members constitute the human and cultural capital of the Association and have the right to:

1. participate in the Association's life and in the General Assembly;
2. receive periodic information on the scientific, editorial, and economic activities of the Association;
3. submit proposals, observations, and contributions to the Association's bodies, which shall assess at their discretion whether to accept them;
4. contribute, according to criteria of merit and scientific coherence, to the editorial and research activities promoted by the Association;
5. have their intellectual authorship recognized for their contributions, within the limits and in accordance with the article on copyright of these Articles of Association.

Art. 7 – Duties of members

Members are required to:

1. comply with the Articles of Association and internal regulations;
2. behave in a manner consistent with the purposes and image of the Association;
3. contribute, within the limits of their skills and availability, to the cultural growth of the Association's community;
4. pay any membership fees within the terms established by the competent bodies;
5. act with fairness and good faith in relations with the Association and with other members.

Art. 8 – Exclusion and withdrawal

The exclusion of a member is decided by the Board of Directors for serious reasons contrary to the purposes or image of the Association, by means of a reasoned decision.

A member may at any time withdraw from the Association by written notice to the Board of Directors. The withdrawal takes effect from the date on which the communication is received by the Association.

TITLE III – GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 9 – Bodies

The bodies of the Association are:

1. the General Assembly of members;
2. the Board of Directors;
3. the Co-Presidency;
4. the Editorial Committee.

Art. 10 – General Assembly of members

The General Assembly is composed of all members and represents the forum for discussion and participation of the Association's community.

It meets at least once a year to:

1. approve the financial report;
2. discuss the activities carried out and the general development guidelines of the Association;
3. deliberate on amendments to the Articles of Association.

Art. 11 – Board of Directors and Co-Presidency

1. The Association is administered by a Board of Directors initially composed of the two Founding Co-Presidents.
2. The Founding Co-Presidents ensure continuity, strategic coherence, and protection of the scientific identity of the Association and remain in office for an indefinite term.
3. The Co-Presidents may, by unanimous decision, appoint additional Directors, in a number they determine, chosen from among members who have distinguished themselves for technical or scientific merit.
4. Directors remain in office for the period established by the Co-Presidents and may be revoked by them by joint decision.

Art. 12 – Editorial Committee

1. The Editorial Committee is the technical body responsible for scientific supervision, content quality, and editorial planning.
2. It is composed of the Co-Presidents, as ex officio members, and of experts or members appointed by the Co-Presidents on the basis of competence, reliability, and coherence with the Association's purposes.

3. The Editorial Committee also serves as a liaison between the members' community and the governing bodies, enhancing contributions and feedback from members.
4. Any content proposed by collaborators or members is subject to internal review by the committee according to peer-review criteria.
5. The Founding Co-Presidents retain a final guarantee power over publications, aimed at safeguarding the scientific integrity and image of the Association.

Art. 13 – Legal representation

The legal representation of the Association belongs to both Co-Presidents:

1. separately for ordinary administration;
2. jointly for extraordinary administrative acts and structural decisions indicated in these Articles of Association.

TITLE IV – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ASSETS

Art. 14 – Copyright and content

The Association promotes the dissemination of knowledge through Creative Commons BY-NC-SA 4.0 licenses.

Published content remains the intellectual property of the respective authors, who authorize its dissemination under the terms of the adopted license.

The Association ensures an editorial review process aimed at guaranteeing the quality, accuracy, and scientific coherence of published content.

The author remains responsible for the originality of the content and for compliance with third-party rights.

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Art. 15 – Digital assets

Domains, websites, social media accounts, archives, and databases constitute assets of the Association and are managed by the Co-Presidents, who may delegate their use to technical collaborators through specific agreements.

TITLE V – FINAL PROVISIONS

Art. 16 – Absence of profit-making purpose

The distribution, even indirect, of profits or operating surpluses among members is prohibited.

Art. 17 – Amendments to the Articles of Association

Amendments to these Articles of Association are validly approved by the General Assembly with a favorable vote of the majority of those present, without prejudice to the binding consent of both Founding Co-Presidents.

Art. 18 – Dissolution

The dissolution of the Association is decided by the General Assembly of members, upon proposal of the Board of Directors.

In the event of dissolution, the assets shall be devolved for socially beneficial purposes, in accordance with the law.

Art. 19 – Guiding principles

Stratos Research operates according to the principles of scientific independence, pluralism of ideas, transparency, editorial responsibility, and respect for the members' community, which constitutes its cultural and civic foundation.