

# Statute

## Fundacja Dziedzictwa Polskiego -Polish Legacy Foundation

in the wording as amended on July 25, 2025

### Chapter I – General Provisions

#### § 1

1. The Polish Legacy Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation,” was established by Agata Klimczak and Krzysztof Pierzchała, hereinafter referred to as the “Founders,” by notarial deed dated July 10, 2025, Rep. A 1425/2025, at the Notary Office of Anna Papież in Kraków, ul. Mazowiecka 8.
2. The Foundation operates under the Act on Foundations of April 6, 1984, and this Statute.
3. The Foundation is liable for its obligations with all its assets.
4. The Founders and the members of the Management Board of the Foundation are not personally liable for the obligations of the Foundation.
5. The financial year of the Foundation is the calendar year.
6. The first financial year shall end on December 31, 2026.

#### § 2

The Foundation has legal personality.

#### § 3

1. The registered seat of the Foundation is Kraków.
2. The Foundation operates within the territory of the Republic of Poland and abroad, in compliance with applicable law.

#### § 4

The Foundation is established for an indefinite period.

#### § 5

The Foundation may establish branches, subsidiaries, and representative offices in Poland and abroad, and may join other organizations.

#### § 6

The Foundation also uses the English translation of its name: **Polish Legacy Foundation**.

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### Chapter II – Honorary Co-Founders / Supporting Members of the Foundation

#### § 7

1. The Foundation may award the title of **Honorary Co-Founder of the Polish Legacy Foundation** to a natural person who, at the invitation of the initiators, has made a significant contribution to its establishment, development, mission, or statutory objectives. This title is honorary and prestigious, does not create legal obligations, but constitutes recognition of special intellectual, organizational, financial, or moral contributions to the creation of the Foundation.
2. An Honorary Co-Founder may, but is not required to, hold office in the Foundation’s bodies, in particular the Management Board or the Foundation Council, if such a role is entrusted to them under this Statute.
3. An Honorary Co-Founder may receive remuneration for serving in office, performing tasks, or providing services for the Foundation, under a civil-law contract, resolution of the relevant body, or other binding documents of the Foundation. The title of Honorary Co-Founder is awarded by resolution of the Management Board, either on its own initiative or upon the request of a member of the Foundation’s body.
4. The Management Board may revoke the title of Honorary Co-Founder by resolution in cases of gross violation of cooperation principles, actions harmful to the Foundation, or other circumstances justifying loss of trust.
5. The list of Honorary Co-Founders may be published on the official website of the Foundation and in promotional materials, with the honoree’s consent.

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### Chapter III – Objectives and Principles of the Foundation

#### § 8

The objectives of the Foundation are:

1. To promote the achievements and contributions of the Polish Diaspora and Poles internationally.
2. To strengthen the national and cultural identity of Poles and the Polish Diaspora.

3. To establish and develop the **Polish Heritage Leaders' Center** as a hub for international cooperation and education.
4. To support young leaders and talents among Poles and the Polish Diaspora.
5. To develop Polish and Polish Diaspora educational, social, business, and cultural initiatives.
6. To support the international expansion of Polish and Polish Diaspora businesses and entrepreneurs.
7. To build networks with global leaders and philanthropists.
8. To document and disseminate the contribution of Poles and the Polish Diaspora to global civilization.
9. To foster dialogue and cooperation between Polish and Polish Diaspora communities.
10. To recognize and honor outstanding Polish and Polish Diaspora individuals and families for their contributions to society, charitable work, and philanthropy.
11. The Foundation may establish honorary badges, medals, entries, diplomas, and confer awards and distinctions on natural and legal persons for their charitable and philanthropic contributions toward the objectives of the Foundation.

## **§ 9**

The Foundation pursues its objectives by:

1. Organizing events, conferences, training, and educational programs.
2. Establishing and operating the Polish Heritage Leaders' Center.
3. Developing mentoring programs for youth and leaders.
4. Publishing books, albums, and educational materials.
5. Organizing competitions, awards, and distinctions for outstanding individuals.
6. Financing and supporting cultural and educational initiatives of Polish and Polish Diaspora organizations.
7. Obtaining financial resources, including donations, grants, and subsidies.
8. Cooperating with governmental and non-governmental organizations in Poland and abroad.
9. Conducting information, promotion, and media activities.
10. Undertaking other activities aligned with the statutory goals and applicable law.
11. Organizing events, conferences, exhibitions, training, and other initiatives, including abroad. The costs of such activities may be covered from the Foundation's funds.

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## **Chapter IV – Assets and Income of the Foundation**

### **§ 10**

The assets of the Foundation consist of the founding fund contributed by the Founders in the amount of PLN 5,000 (five thousand zlotys), of which PLN 4,000 (four thousand zlotys) constitutes the founding fund and PLN 1,000 (one thousand zlotys) is allocated for business activities, as well as other financial resources, real estate, and movable property acquired during its activities.

### **§ 11**

The sources of income of the Foundation are:

1. Donations, inheritances, bequests,
2. Grants, subsidies, and subventions,
3. Income from the Foundation's assets,
4. Income from business activities,
5. Other revenues permissible under the law.

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## **Chapter V – Business Activities of the Foundation**

### **§ 12**

1. The Foundation may engage in business activities to the extent necessary to achieve its statutory goals.
2. Income from business activities is used exclusively for the statutory purposes specified in § 8 of this Statute.
3. The Foundation conducts business activities within the territory of the Republic of Poland. To properly pursue its social and economic objectives, it may also operate abroad, in compliance with applicable law.
4. The Foundation may engage in the following business activities (according to PKD):
  - a) 94.99.Z – activities of other membership organizations not elsewhere classified,
  - b) 85.6 – supporting educational activities,
  - c) 91.2 – operation of museums and activities related to museum collections, historical sites, and monuments,
  - d) 72.20 – research and development in the social sciences and humanities,

- e) 63.92.Z – other information service activities,
  - f) 58.11.Z – publishing of books,
  - g) 58.13.Z – publishing of journals and periodicals,
  - h) 85.59.D – other out-of-school forms of education not elsewhere classified,
  - i) 60.39.Z – other activities related to content distribution,
  - j) 63.91.Z – operation of internet search engines.
5. The scope of business activities may be expanded by resolution of the Management Board, provided it does not conflict with the law or the statutory objectives.
  6. Income from subsidies, donations, inheritances, and bequests may be used for any statutory purposes of the Foundation, unless otherwise specified by the donor.
  7. The Foundation maintains financial management and accounting records in accordance with legal regulations applicable to legal entities.
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## **Chapter VI – Governing Bodies of the Foundation**

### **§ 13**

1. The governing body of the Foundation is the **Management Board**.
  2. The Management Board consists of 1 to 7 members, including the President of the Board – Agata Klimczak – and the First Vice-President – Krzysztof Pierzchała – appointed by the Founders for a term of two years.
  3. Members of the Management Board are appointed and dismissed by the Founders.
  4. The Founders may serve as members of the Management Board.
  5. The Management Board directs the activities of the Foundation and represents it externally.
  6. The tasks of the Management Board include, in particular:
    - a) implementation of statutory objectives,
    - b) management of the Foundation's assets,
    - c) acceptance of donations and grants,
    - d) submission of activity reports,
    - e) employment of staff and contractors.
  7. Statements regarding property rights and obligations may be made on behalf of the Foundation by members of the Management Board individually up to the amount of PLN 15,000 (fifteen thousand zlotys). For amounts exceeding PLN 15,000 and for non-property matters, such statements require the joint action of the entire Management Board or the sole signature of the President of the Board.
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## **Chapter VII – Amendments to the Statute and Liquidation**

### **§ 14**

1. Amendments to the Statute are made by the Founders.
  2. The Foundation may be liquidated upon fulfillment of its objectives or exhaustion of its funds.
  3. The decision to liquidate is made by the Founders.
  4. Assets remaining after liquidation may be transferred to purposes consistent with the objectives of the Foundation.
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