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Information for Members of the Association OMAS GEGEN RECHTS, Switzerland

The aim of this document is to provide a clear and structured overview of the most important basic information about the association OMAS GEGEN RECHTS Switzerland.

It is aimed at new members and is intended to help them get started and find their way within the association.

General (Allgemein)

- The manifesto, statutes and organisational chart are binding for all OMAS. All these documents can be found on our website: www.omasgegenrechts.ch.
- OMAS GEGEN RECHTS is a non-profit association. It consists of the Executive Board, the Matronate, Regional Groups (RG), Working Groups (AG) and all members.
- All bodies organise themselves. They decide autonomously on their communication channels, meetings, actions, decision-making culture, division of tasks and on partial networking. A guiding principle is: network sparingly and do not allow yourself to be instrumentalised.
- OMAS GEGEN RECHTS is political, but party-politically neutral. It takes a stand for democracy.
- OMAS engage as they are able and wish – seriously, and also cheerfully.
- We look out for one another and respect members' decisions to step back.
- We comply with Swiss data protection regulations and do not pass on members' data.

Working Groups (Arbeitsgruppen)

- Working Groups (AGs) address thematic priorities.
- They may be regional and/or supra-regional / nationwide.
- Working Groups may be initiated by members of OgR, the Matronate or the Executive Board.
- Each Working Group appoints a Matrone.
- They may appoint a Deputy Matrone.

Public Appearance (Auftreten nach aussen)

- In agreement with OMAS in Austria and Germany, we always write the name OMAS GEGEN RECHTS in capital letters and adhere to the design guidelines (the well-known black-and-white OMA logo on posters, badges, stickers, etc.).
- We recommend clarifying public appearances (demonstrations, vigils, etc.) with the relevant authorities (please note cantonal and municipal regulations) and with the organiser.
- At public appearances, we wear OMAS vests, OMAS badges, rucksack covers, red hats and/or carry posters or banners.
- During public appearances, we stay together and look out for one another.

Unlawful Actions (Gesetzwidriges Handeln)

Actions such as putting up stickers, sit-ins or blockades are generally unlawful. Responsibility for organising and participating lies with the RG/AG and the individuals involved.

The association assumes no responsibility or costs.

Internal Communication (Kommunikation nach innen)

- RGs and AGs determine their internal communication independently. Signal groups are recommended; emails should be used for technical or factual information.
- Each group has a Contact OMA, who receives emails addressed to the group and forwards them.
- The Executive Board provides irregular updates via the newsletter called OMAktuell.

External Communication (Kommunikation nach aussen)

- Our Swiss website is our primary communication tool. It contains all RGs, all AGs, principles, news, activities, upcoming dates, references to literature, etc.
- Publications, interviews, etc. are currently handled via the President. Please consult the Executive Board in the event of enquiries.
- Personal communications such as letters to the editor, comments and/or spontaneous interviews should only be published in one's own name or with the addition
"Member of OMAS GEGEN RECHTS Switzerland".
- Guidelines for our appearances as OMAS GEGEN RECHTS Switzerland on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. are currently being developed in a separate document. These guidelines will also address how to deal with attacks, harassment and online hate in the digital space.
- A Working Group with a clear structure and division of tasks will be established for this purpose.

Contact OMA (KontaktOMA)

- Is appointed by each group.
- Receives a brief introduction from the Executive Board.
- Is responsible for welcoming and initially orientating new members within the group.
- Welcomes new members by email with a friendly greeting, a brief overview of the history and information on how the group functions, including links to the Signal groups.
- Receives emails sent directly to the group via the website.
- Decides how these emails are handled further.

Manifesto (Manifest)

The manifesto is part of the statutes and represents the DNA of the Swiss OMAS. It also connects us with OMAS in Germany and Austria.

Material OMA (MaterialOMA)

- Is appointed by each group.
- Distributes materials to OMAS.
- Obtains materials from the association.
- Manages the regional group's materials fund (forwards income to the OgR CH association and settles accounts with the finance officer. All invoices and receipts must be managed electronically).

Matronate (Matronat)

- The Matronate consists of the Matrones of the RGs, the Matrones of the AGs and the Executive Board.
- The Matronate is responsible for networking (exchange, coordination, information and discussion) between RGs, AGs and the Executive Board.
- The Matronate functions as a think tank for the association.

Matrones (Matronen)

- Matrones and, where applicable, their deputies are appointed by each AG and RG.
- Members of the Executive Board are Matrones by virtue of their office.
- Matrones act as networkers, particularly between regions and AGs within the Matronate: they establish contacts, draw attention to issues, publish results and coordinate the work of the groups.

Netiquette (Netiquette)

A netiquette for respectful interaction, for example in Signal groups, is recommended and may be developed independently by the groups.

OMAktuell

OMAktuell is the irregular newsletter of OMAS GEGEN RECHTS Switzerland.

It is published by the Executive Board.

Contributions should be sent to the Executive Board.

Organisational Chart (Organigramm)

The organisational chart is available on the website and forms part of the statutes.

Regional Groups (Regiogruppen)

RGs collaborate with other RGs and AGs as required or support one another.

RGs appoint:

- a Matrone
- a Contact OMA
- a Material OMA

RGs organise themselves independently and may publish their dates (e.g. regular meetings) and appearances on the OMAS GEGEN RECHTS Switzerland website.

Dealing with Attacks and Hate (Umgang mit Angriffen und Hass)

- Physical attacks against OMAS GEGEN RECHTS (for example during a demonstration or other action): we recommend reporting the incident to the police. We provide support and attempt to arrange contacts with lawyers.

- Dealing with hate: we report hate attacks to the relevant authorities and, if necessary, seek professional support.

Conduct at Events / Demonstrations (Verhalten bei Veranstaltungen/Demos)

- Among the participating OMAS, we agree who leads, who gives instructions and which OMAS look out for one another.
- During the event, we should appear as a group (not individually) if we wish to be recognisable as OMAS GEGEN RECHTS.
- We bring our equipment with us and put it on at the venue, removing it again at the end.
- During the demonstration, we stay together as a group. Motto: Safety first.
- At the end: if a demonstration stalls for a very long time, no end is in sight, or it simply becomes too much for us, we may leave.
- Motto: Only as long as it is meaningful, appropriate – and enjoyable.
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Executive Board (Vorstand)

According to our statutes, the Executive Board is responsible for all tasks not assigned to other bodies by the statutes or mandatory law.

Its responsibilities include in particular:

- Representing the association externally.
- Managing the association's affairs.
- Preparing and convening the General Assembly.
- Deciding on the admission and exclusion of members.
- Financial management of the association.

Responsibility for the content lies with the Executive Board of the association OMAS GEGEN RECHTS, Switzerland.

Suggestions may be sent to: mail@omasgegenrechts.ch.

The Executive Board updates the document as required.

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