



## CHARTA

### **A. Purpose**

1. The European Reiki Group (ERG) is a forum for representative of Reiki associations.
2. The vision of ERG is to enhance coherence within the Reiki community on all levels.

### **B. Values**

1. The spirit of ERG is inclusive and does not discriminate between different forms of practice as long as they are ethical.
2. ERG cares for the integrity and the good reputation of the Reiki method.
3. ERG is future-oriented.
4. ERG is inspired by Mikao Usui's statement that the goal of the Reiki method is to improve happiness, to heal ourselves and to help others to heal themselves on all levels.

### **C. Goals**

1. Projects and set goals aim to serve ERG's vision and are in the spirit of ERG's values.
2. ERG provides a way for Reiki associations to keep each other informed across national boundaries about current endeavours, projects, local regulations, difficulties in relation to the recognition of the Reiki method by the society, by education and health institutions and by local authorities.

### **D. Structure**

1. ERG is a forum composed of the representatives (i.e. members of their committee or other managing structures) of national European Reiki associations which are inclusive and ethical.
2. These shall be called participants (and not members).
3. ERG provides a Web platform (including forum) that is a meeting point for its participants at all times.
4. ERG may occasionally organise meetings in person.
5. ERG has no legal constitution as such.
6. ERG has no governing structure such as a committee or general assembly, excepting the Group of Originators in special cases.

7. ERG does not constitute a supranational control structure. By participating in ERG, national associations retain their full rights and authority in their country.
8. No one can speak for ERG outside of ERG (for example to the public). National associations can communicate in their own country on their own behalf and under their own responsibility regarding ERG projects.
9. Representatives of other ethical organisations or groups - be they European or not, inclusive or exclusive, project or goal-oriented - are invited as guest to work on specific topics.

#### **E. Internal organisation**

1. Each association decides who amongst its representatives may or may not be part of ERG.
2. The president of an association, or the leader of a group, is its main official representative within ERG.
3. The taking care of ERG is executed by volunteers who enjoy consensual appointment of their tasks. Working Groups may be formed according to the collaborative projects.
4. The Support Team ensures that the necessary resources are made permanently available as far as possible. Any participant can ask to be part of the Support Team which is organised by the Groups of Originators and Founders.
5. ERG participants may produce recommendations as a result of their joint projects. These may be made public on its Web site with the names of the associations supporting them, without committing the others.
6. An association that disagrees with a recommendation to be made public shall make this known by making its case so that a compromise can be reached in a constructive and positive spirit.

#### **G. Financing & Services**

1. Financing for ERG will be carried by the associations or groups expenses arise depending on the projects.
2. ERG endeavours to provide Web services to its participants. ERG involves the national associations who are collectively responsible for this service.

#### **H. Groups of Originators and Founders**

1. The role of the Group of Originators is that of "Vision Keepers". It is composed of the persons listed in the Appendix B.
2. The Group of Founders consists of the attendees to the first ERG meeting in Geneva 31 August – 1st September 2018, see Appendix C for the list.
3. The Group of Originators have the right of veto as a group (i.e. not individually) within ERG.

4. The Group of Originators may take irrevocable decisions in extraordinary or exceptional cases.
5. The decisions within the Group of Originators are taken in a consensual way and if not possible in a majority vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the Group of Originators refers to the Group of Founders which will take a decision according to the same rule.
6. Decisions within ERG must be taken in the spirit of Switzerland's humanistic, democratic and neutral tradition and for the highest good of the Reiki method.
7. This Charta may be revised at an ERG meeting in person by its ERG participants attending.

## **Appendix A: Terms**

1. The Latin word “Charta” is used instead of the English word “Charter” with the same meaning.
2. An “inclusive” association refers to an organisation which is open to any form or style of Reiki practice.
3. An “exclusive” association refers to an organisation which is restricted to one form or style of Reiki practice.
4. A “project or goal-oriented” association or group refers to an organisation which carries out projects for specific purposes.
5. The “Group of Originators”, the “Group of Founders”, the “Support Team” and the “Working Groups” are subgroups of ERG.

## **Appendix B: List of Originators**

- Francis Vendrell
- René Vögtli
- Chinta Strübin
- Angela Zellner

## **Appendix C: List of Founders**

- Berthy Cambier (organisation support, Netherlands)
- John Curtin (Spanish Reiki Federation, Spain)
- Annie Harrington (UK Reiki Federation, UK)
- Erna Janisch (ÖBRT, Austria)
- Jojan Jonker (Japan 2022, Netherlands)
- Christiane Krempf (ÖBRT, Austria)
- João Magalhães (Portuguese Reiki Association, Portugal)
- Marie Marin (LFRU, France)
- Sílvia Oliveira (ARCJ Reiki Association for Children and Youth, Portugal)
- Helma Rader (The Reiki Alliance, Netherlands)
- Niek Rader (technical support, Netherlands)
- Leopold Spindelberger (ÖBRT, Austria)
- Barbara Chinta Strübin (SwissReiki, Switzerland)
- Francis Vendrell (SwissReiki, Switzerland)
- René Vögtli (reiki-conciliation, Switzerland)
- Angela Zellner (ProReiki, Germany)