

BASIC CHARTER OF CÚG (31 August 1990, updated to 7 February 2008)

Carta Fundamaintschal (Basic Charter)

PREAMBLE:

Since 1980 the "sole historic and national language of the entire Talossan people is the Talossan language" (Article 5 of the Constituziun of 1988).

The Committee for the Use of the Language (CÚG) was founded by H.M. King Robert I on the 14th of November, 1983, during the Fourth Year of Talossan Independence, in order to encourage "the use, practice, and the creation of a good style" for the Talossan language. The civic responsibility of CÚG was heightened by the will of the people in enacting the 1988 Constituziun and 1997 Organic Law, which confirmed the custodianship over the language as being in the hands of CÚG.

Therefore, We, the members of CÚG, mindful of our historic responsibility and eager to promote the national language of Talossa, which is in itself an indication of our national authenticity, do hereby approve and enact this Basic Charter for our organization in order to more fully realize the noble goals set forth herein.

DIVISION I: THE Comità: ITS GOALS AND INSITUTIONS

1. The name of this organization is "The Committee for the Use of the Language," or, in Talossan, "La Comità per l'Útzil del Glhetg" (hereafter: "the Comità").

2. The goals of the Comità are:

- a) To assemble and to research data on the Talossan language of all historical periods;
- b) To direct the developmental course of the Talossan language, by resolving ambiguities in the grammar and thereby increasing the language's expressive and emotive power; and by coining new words to meet the needs of the language, in keeping with the historic aesthetic spirit and "feel" of the Talossan language;
- c) To provide Talossan words and translations for English-language institutions in the Kingdom of Talossa and other Talossan-speaking communities, in order to inculcate a sense of nationhood and linguistic solidarity among all Talossans;
- d) To encourage and promote the study of Talossan literature from the past, and also encourage and promote the production of works in Talossan in the present and future;
- e) To ensure the preservation of a permanent record and database for future researchers should the language ever become extinct;
- f) To preserve all historic texts, artifacts, and ancient manuscripts relating to the Talossan language;
- g) And to encourage Talossans everywhere to learn and use the Talossan language as a vehicle of daily communication, to further the ethnic identity and uniqueness of the Talossan nation.

3. The institutions of the Comità are: The Cuβeglh (plenum), the Presidency, and the Subcommittees.

DIVISION II: SYMBOLS

1. The flag of the Comità is the traditional Ücfahne, the national flag of Talossa charged with the word "üc" in white letters, visible in Schedule 1 at the end of this document.
2. The flag of Talossan-speakers is the Drapéu Grischun, a horizontal tricolour with stripes of White, Grey and Black, in proportion 1:1:2, visible in Schedule 2 at the end of this document.
3. The motto of the Comità is "ESTETZ TALOSSAN, PARLETZ TALOSSAN" (in English, "BE TALOSSAN, SPEAK TALOSSAN").

DIVISION III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Comità is open to native speakers of Talossan, linguists, enthusiasts, and patriotic citizens infused by a spirit of national peculiarity through national language. To be considered, a person must be proposed as a candidate member by at least one member of the Comità. Upon nomination by an existing member, seconded by another member and accepted by the nominee, the nominee is a candidate member of the Comità, entitled to participate in discussions but with no vote in the Cußeglh. Voting rights of candidate members in subcommittee proceedings shall be determined by the subcommittee chairs in consultation with the President.

2. Persons shall be admitted to full membership in the Comità by a two-thirds vote of the Cußeglh, which vote shall be held upon the request of the candidate after at least six months of candidate membership. They shall become formal members of the Comità upon taking the following oath in the Talossan language:

"Eu, _____ promiséu complätsmint qe véu sietxarh àl Comità per l'Útzil del Glhetg com'iens membreu fieir es actíu; qe véu partiçiparh in sieu cüsüghonças, din 'n spritz del optimizim es del dialog; es qe véu zonarh cadascu po del aßistançéu pouçival, à promotarh, à protectarh, es à zefençarh el Glhetg Talossan es l'identità naziunal per qet ça sta, dal apatgética es dal opoçiziun! Acest xhuréu!"

("I, _____, promise completely that I shall serve the Committee for the Use of the Language as a loyal and active member, that I shall take part in its deliberations in a spirit of optimism and dialogue, and that I shall give every bit of assistance that I can, to promote, protect and defend the Talossan language and the national identity for which it stands from apathy and opposition. This I swear!")

3. The Cußeglh may establish membership dues not to exceed 500 bence per year. If membership dues are in effect, membership in the Comità is considered to have lapsed if a member fails to pay dues within 30 days of the scheduled payment date. A lapsed membership may be reinstated by paying delinquent dues within one year of the scheduled payment date, after which time the delinquent member shall be struck from the rolls of the Comità.

4. Members may be expelled from the Comità by a two-thirds vote of the Cußeglh, on the grounds of inactivity or disruption.

DIVISION IV: THE CUBEGLH

1. The functions of the Cuβeglh are:
 - a) To approve or reject the budget proposed by the President;
 - b) To approve or reject applications for membership;
 - c) To elect the President of the Comità;
 - d) To approve or reject the decisions of Subcommittees;
 - e) And to resolve disputes between Subcommittees.
2. All full members of the Comità are members of the Cuβeglh.
3. The Cuβeglh shall convene at least once per year, the date of the next session to be determined at the current session.
4. The Cuβeglh shall be convened in an extraordinary session by the President, or by a petition from a majority of its members.
5. All sessions of all Comità organs are open to the public.
6. A majority of members forms a quorum, except if the Cuβeglh wishes to expel a member or amend this Basic Charter; in those instances two-thirds of the membership must be present to form a quorum.
7. The Cuβeglh may amend the Basic Charter by a two-thirds vote.

DIVISION V: THE PRESIDENCY

1. Once every two years the Cuβeglh elects one of its members to be the President of the Comità, and another member to be the Vice-President.
2. The President presides over the Comità, and:
 - a) Is responsible to the Cuβeglh for all activities of the Comità; submits to it an annual report; and represents the Comità abroad;
 - b) Calls the Comità into regular and extraordinary sessions, and presides at these sessions;
 - c) Appoints the members of the Subcommittees, subject to review by the Cuβeglh.
3. The President or Vice President may be removed from office prior to the expiration of their terms by a no-confidence motion supported by at least two-thirds of the members of the Cuβeglh.
4. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President becomes Acting President. In the absence of both, the Cuβeglh may elect one of its members to be Acting President.

DIVISION VI: THE SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Subcommittees are selected by the President from among the members of the Comità to govern the projects of the Comità. They are responsible to the President for their implementation.
2. The Cuβeglh may, when it seems necessary, establish its own Subcommittees, or

change or abolish the Subcommittees established by the President.

3. Each Subcommittee is composed of at least one, and no more than five, members.

4. Each Subcommittee shall convene as often as it sees necessary.

5. There shall be four permanent Subcommittees: Finance (which serves as a Treasurer for the Comità), Grammar, Vocabulary, and Publications. If the President does not appoint any members to a permanent subcommittee, all members of the Cuβeglh are de facto members of such subcommittee.

DIVISION VII: PUBLICATIONS

1. The Comità publishes writings in which it prints:

- a) Its decisions--Arestadas--regarding matters of the language (e.g. grammar, spelling, vocabulary) and regarding all other matters in the scope of its activity;
- b) Reports about its activity;
- c) Research by individuals in the Talossan language and in areas related to it.

2. The official gazette of the Comità shall be "La Revischta," which shall be made available to all members to all members without charge (it is paid for by dues). The Comità shall also publish dictionaries, grammars, books, pamphlets, and a web site about or in the Talossan language.

3. Nothing shall be printed by the Comità unless the Subcommittee on Publications recommends its printing.

DIVISION VIII: ELECTIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

1. Elections of the President are by open ballot.

2. Meetings of all Comità organs are to be conducted in whatever language is approved by a majority of those present. The use of the Talossan language, especially in stock phrases, is especially encouraged.

3. Normal parliamentary procedure (Robert's Rules) is to prevail in Comità meetings.

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Schedule 1: CÚG Flag



Schedule 2: Drapéu Grischn

