

– Fundamentals –

Technological progress and methods of mass production and consumption have allowed progressive raising of the standard of living of part of the world population. However, the problems of this development have led to unbalances:

- › between affluent nations and those that are less so, as well as between rich and poor individuals,
- › between people and nature,
- › between current and future generations.

These imbalances reflect a crisis in relations and exchanges between people as well as between people and their living environment. They also reflect the difficulty for our society in taking future generations into account in a concrete way.

Our environment is subject to much degradation: pollution of water, soils, air, ecosystem disturbances, rarefaction of animal and plant species, climatic changes, etc. This degradation has harmful consequences for our planet and threatens our well-being and the health of individuals.

Faced with these threats, numerous **associations** have emerged, which attempt, on the basis of common values, to sketch a desirable future and to conceive consistent actions and projects that respond to today's emergencies and match the scale of tomorrow's challenges.

Mundo-b was created by these associations with a view to improving and optimising their operation and, by doing

so, contributing to greater consideration of sustainable development aspects in our society, and global management of environmental and social problems. Concretely, Mundo-b is a **place** in which associations subscribing to the present charter can be hosted, have access to suitable infrastructure and/or benefit from a set of services.

– Member associations –

Any association subscribing to the principles of the federation charter is considered as a "member of Mundo-b". There is a distinction between "tenant" members and "sympathiser" members (e.g.: non-profit association without paid personnel).

What unites the Mundo-b member associations is the common reference to a project for a society respecting cultural, social and environmental diversity, founded on values of solidarity, fairness, reciprocity and social interaction.

In addition, Mundo-b forms part of the framework of local action, and consequently member associations commit to developing - at least partially - activities for the Brussels public.

– Seven missions –

The associations taking part in the mundo b project have come together in order to implement a common project - the creation and collective management of a working tool - with the desire to see the completion of seven main missions:

1. Offering infrastructure suited to the organisations' needs: modern, functional offices; meeting and conference rooms; cafeteria; green spaces; etc.
2. Supplying high quality services: reception, IT and telephones, room management, cleaning, building maintenance, etc.
3. Encouraging synergies and collaboration between associations.
4. Making available a renovated building managed ecologically, forming part of the continuity of objectives of the member associations.
5. Contributing to increasing the visibility and accessibility of the associations.
6. Supporting the emergence and development of small associations through specific services and infrastructure (including the Hive: a shared work space).
7. Undertaking transparent, ethical management of the building and services, notably in finance terms.

– Responsibilities of subscribers to the charter (tenant member and sympathiser member) –

Subscribing to Mundo-b is a commitment to join the project and missions defined above. The member associations keep their freedom on the purpose and form of their participation in so far as they subscribe to chapter I of the Good Management Guide – Part 1 of Mundo-b (Ethical letting criteria – in appendix).

The tenant members agree to join in the **cohabitation** and to take part positively in the management and organisation of Mundo-b (participation in statutory bodies, working groups, enhancing collective initiatives, etc.). Taking part in Mundo-b as a simple consumer of services would in fact be contrary to the spirit of the project.

By this Charter all the member associations affirm their desire to improve their individual and collective action for respect of the environment, nature and humanity now and in the future, through citizenship, exchange and constructive social interaction.

Done in Brussels, on

Signed in two copies

I sign this charter as a tenant member

I sign this charter as a sympathiser member