

Application by Dzokden Kalapa

To the members of the EBU,

Council recommendation to the AGM, pursuant to article 4.c of the EBU Constitution

INTRODUCTION

Dzokden Kalapa submitted an application with supporting documents to become a member of the EBU on January 27, 2025. Their application is endorsed by the Austrian Buddhist Union. They gave a presentation to the Council on April 24, 2025.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Buddhist centre with the name Kalāpa was established in 2001. This name was bestowed on this centre by H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama. The Graz-based association She Drup Ling has developed and taken care of Kalāpa since 2001, receiving guest sanghas and teachers from various spiritual traditions, such as Kyabje Chöden Rinpoché. In 2022 the centre was handed over as a gift from She Drup Ling to their current lama, Shar Khentrul Rinpoché to be part of his Dzokden community and was subsequently renamed “Dzokden Kalapa”. At the same time the association Dzokden Kalapa was founded. Dzokden Kalapa is located in Austria, in the Austrian state of Styria, in the south of Austria. The group is established as an association with members. Their statutes were recently revised and adopted earlier this year. They have been active and committed members of ÖBR in the past years. The Jonang tradition is not known very well in the West, but it is a very old and authentic tradition in its own right in addition to the five major traditions more well known in the West. The centre has a stupa which is also a local tourist attraction. They structurally invest in relations with the local community. We met with their representative Stella Klell, who was giving the presentation to the Council. She is the treasurer, and delegate to ÖBR, and proposed delegate to EBU. All of our questions have been answered sincerely and satisfactorily. For further info see: <https://kalapa.org/>.

CONSIDERATIONS

From the available information, and to the best of our knowledge, it appears that Dzokden Kalapa has been established in Europe for a number of years and is rooted in an old tradition. Dzokden Kalapa took the initiative to contact the EBU to become a member. Dzokden Kalapa meets the conditions for membership and has submitted the application in the correct manner.

RECOMMENDATION

The council advises the AGM:

- to approve the membership application of Dzokden Kalapa;
- to instruct the council to welcome Dzokden Kalapa as a member of the EBU and to take all necessary steps to formalize the membership.

25 April 2025