

Internal Regulations for the EPP Ethics Committee

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Article 1

The EPP Ethics Committee is composed of five Members appointed by the Political Assembly for a renewable term of three years. The President of the EPP Ethics Committee shall be chosen and elected from among the members of the Presidency. (Article 25 of the EPP Statutes)

Article 2

The EPP Ethics Committee drafts an EPP Code of Conduct on Ethical Behaviour in Politics and submits it for approval to the Political Assembly. (Article 25 of the EPP Statutes)

Article 3

This Code of Conduct shall apply to all EPP Ordinary Member Parties, Associated Member Parties, Member Associations, Observer Member Parties, associated entities, Groups in Parliaments and Assemblies and the representatives of all those entities - such as the leaders, elected representatives, candidates, volunteers and paid staff - as well as individual supporting members (all the aforementioned shall be further referred to as "Members of the EPP"). It is based on Article 25 of the EPP Statutes.

Article 4

The competences of the EPP Ethics Committee include inter alia:

- drafting, as well as amending, if need be, the EPP Code of Conduct on Ethical Behaviour in Politics and submitting the EPP Code of Conduct and any subsequent amendments thereto for approval to the Political Assembly;
- outlining the procedure to verify the compliance of applicants with the EPP Code of Conduct;
- drafting, as well as amending, if need be, its internal regulations and submitting these and any subsequent amendments thereto for approval to the Political Assembly;
- monitoring compliance with the EPP Code of Conduct on its own initiative;
- presenting a report on activities every two years and submitting this to the EPP Presidency;
- reporting on any alleged infringements or complaints regarding a possible violation of the EPP Code of Conduct within a period of three months;
- in case of non-compliance with the EPP Code of Conduct, making recommendations to the Presidency to adopt proposals for a final decision on any appropriate action to be taken by the Political Assembly, including the suspension or exclusion of the concerned Member of the EPP; (Article 25 of the EPP Statutes)

Article 5

The Political Assembly may, upon the recommendation of the EPP Ethics Committee and a proposal of the Presidency, request that a Member of the EPP takes appropriate action against individuals, if it has determined that the respective person has acted in a way that is not compliant with the EPP Code of Conduct. (Article 25 of the EPP Statutes; Article 9 paragraph 5 of the EPP Statutes)

Article 6

Invitations for meetings of the EPP Ethics Committee should be sent at least two weeks before the meeting, in exceptional cases the notice period may be shorter. The EPP Ethics Committee can meet in person or via Videoconference, Teleconference or circular. Out of the five members of the EPP Ethics Committee, a minimum of four members need to participate in a meeting if votes are taken. Decisions may also be taken by circular with the Members responding to a proposal of the President in written form / by email. The EPP Ethics Committee will take its decisions by majority of members present and its meetings are confidential.

Article 7

The Members of the EPP Ethics Committee may demand reimbursement of travel costs according to the rules that apply to the EPP Presidency.

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