

Code of Conduct for the European Christian Political Youth (ECPYouth)
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Article 1

Application

1. The Code applies to all who are active on behalf of ECPYouth.
2. Where applicable, the Code applies additionally to:
 - a. Board members of ECPYouth and
 - b. individuals who act in the name of the organisation.

Article 2

Basic approach and core values

1. The rules cannot capture all situations and circumstances; but, in assessing the conduct of the politicians of ECPYouth, the following principles will always apply:

Representatives of ECPYouth believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Redeemer. They accept the Bible as the authoritative Word of God, and they aim for all their actions to be guided by this foundation. They are then accountable and are therefore willing to justify their political and personal behaviour and beliefs from the Bible. Representatives should not base their beliefs and actions on isolated Biblical texts or some concepts borrowed from the Bible, but from the entirety of this written Word.

2. Then, the following values are to guide Representatives of ECPYouth:
 - a. **Authentic and political credible**
Representatives of ECPYouth are politically credible. This means that their public behaviour is not contrary to the principles of ECPYouth, as laid down in the statutes.
 - b. **Involved and servable**
Representatives of ECPYouth are involved, and touched by their society. They know themselves in the service of God and thus placed in the service of society.
 - c. **Honest and trustworthy**
Representatives of ECPYouth are fair, honest and reliable. This means that they have the courage to admit mistakes, even when it is to their own detriment.
 - d. **Open and independent**
Representatives of ECPYouth are accessible and they are open to other opinions. They are and candid in this regard and they are not seduced by personal interests. They are also transparent about their own actions and they can justify them.
 - e. **Professional and responsible**
Representatives of ECPYouth are professional, solid and administratively capable. They have a great sense of responsibility, and from their position only focused on the interest of the society.

Article 3

Duties and other positions

1. Representatives of ECPYouth are responsible for providing proper duties.

2. They make any additional positions public, for which they indicate whether paid or unpaid.
3. They will not hold the additional position which:
 - a. Is so intertwined with their duties that often overlap between these additional function and their office take place, or
 - b. Take so much time that their duties are at risk.
4. They shall refrain from participating in decisions on matters where the interests of the second function and that of the public body meet.

Article 4

Preventing apparent conflict of interest

1. Representatives of ECPYouth avoid favouring private-public partnerships which are in conflict with fair competition. They ensure that the appearance of such favouritism is not associated with them.
2. They do not interfere with the decision on the award to supply goods or services if they're on a business or personal relationship with the relations provider.

Article 5

Discretion

1. Representatives of ECPYouth carefully handle information available due to their position.
2. They do not use this information for the benefit of their business or personal relations.

Article 6

Communications

Representatives of ECPYouth regularly inform citizens, particularly members of ECPYouth and their board, on the political developments, policies and positions.

Article 7

Accepting gifts

Representatives of ECPYouth are reluctant in accepting services and gifts.

Article 8

Administrative expenses and provisions

1. Representatives of ECPYouth are reluctant in making administrative expenses charged to the public body where they are serving.
2. They entrust the public body where they serve with their administrative expenditure only when:
 - a. these arise out of the function and;
 - b. serve the interest of that body and;
 - c. this in the society not will regarded as unreasonable.
3. Representatives of ECPYouth do not use public property or facilities for private purposes.

Article 9

Reimbursements and expenses claims

1. Representatives of ECPYouth keep the rules for expenses which are made for their functions.

2. They are reluctant to submit claims. They do not claim any costs which are not really created or that have been otherwise reimbursed.

Article 10

Accountability of expenditure and declarations

Representatives of ECPYouth at all times keep the rules applicable to them on issues of expenses and claims. They take care of such a thoroughly and transparent handling of administrative expenses and claims that they are always accountable to the Board that responsible is for the level in which the politician is active or to an expert appointed by that board.

Article 11

Violation of the 'Code of Conduct'

1. When there is a suspicion that one of ECPYouth politicians is acting contrary to what the Code of Conduct provides, the responsible board of the level where the politician is active addresses this politician and calls him to account.
2. When this does not lead to desired results or leads to problems, the responsible board decides to take action.