

Code of Conduct

Preamble

This Code of Conduct defines the principles for high-quality, fair, and trustworthy cooperation within the Edunet World Association e.V. (EWA). It applies to all EWA members – in particular higher education institutions (HEIs), vocational training institutions (VETs), companies, and private individuals – as well as to EWA partners, trustees, and sponsors. The aim is to create a shared foundation of values for international cooperation in education, research, and innovation.

EWA mission

The EWA aims to promote international educational activities in vocational training and higher education. Its focus includes, among other things:

- Promotion of global engineering sciences and vocational training 4.0 in the fields of electrical engineering, automation technology and information technology.
- Support for international cooperation between educational institutions and industrial companies.
- Organization of practical and application-oriented teaching and training projects.

The members contribute their expertise and activities to the EWA within the framework of non-profit education and training initiatives .

Principles of action

The EWA member community commits itself to the following principles:

1. **Neutrality and independence:** All EWA activities are ideologically, politically and religiously neutral.
2. **Respect and fairness:** Interactions are respectful, appreciative, inclusive and professional.
3. **Transparency and trust:** Cooperation takes place openly, honestly and transparently on an equal footing between all member groups.
4. **Non-profit status and educational mission:** All activities are in line with the non-profit goals of EWA and primarily serve educational, qualification and innovation purposes.
5. **No covert advertising or lobbying:** EWA is not a platform for product, company, or interest advertising. Member contributions must be based on professional expertise, factual information, and educational value.
6. **Data protection of learners and teachers:** The autonomy, dignity and data protection of learners and teachers must be respected and protected.

7. **Adherence to recognized educational principles** : Members and contributors adhere to recognized educational ethical principles, in particular the Beutelsbach Consensus (<https://www.lpb-bw.de/beutelsbacher-konsens>).

Cooperation between member groups

- Universities, VET institutions, companies and private individuals work together in partnership and contribute their respective expertise to the benefit of the EWA goals.
- Contributions to EWA projects, working groups or initiatives are based on professional quality, transparency and fairness .
- If companies or other members provide resources (e.g. software, hardware, content, know-how), this is done in accordance with the educational mission of the EWA and not for primary marketing purposes.
- Terms of use for provided materials, content or infrastructure are regulated transparently and by mutual agreement .

Dealing with conflicts of interest

Members commit to disclosing potential conflicts of interest , especially if:

- Economic self-interests are affected,
- Decisions in committees or projects could be influenced,
- Third-party funding, sponsorship, or in-kind contributions play a role.

In such cases, EWA strives for transparent and fair solutions in line with its non-profit goals.

Enforcement and sanctions

Violations of this Code of Conduct may – depending on the severity – result in the following measures:

- Admonition or formal warning,
- Temporary suspension of rights within the EWA,
- Termination of membership.

The measures will be taken in accordance with the EWA statutes and the procedures provided for therein.

Quality assurance and further development

All measures and activities within the framework of the EWA should be regularly reviewed and jointly evaluated regarding their effectiveness and quality. The Code of Conduct can be further developed and adapted to new circumstances as needed.