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## **CEA CODE OF ETHICS**

### **IDEALS**

1. CEA is organized on a non-profit base (the legal form is a citizens' associations) and is open for membership to all economists operating in Macedonia and sharing the same vision.
2. CEA members have been and continue to be involved at the highest levels of academic, business, government and the non-profit sector.
3. The Mission of CEA is to continuously research economic development and public policy in the Republic of Macedonia and to offer recommendations, suggestions and measures to the government and non-governmental institutions.
4. CEA members share a common vision of the Republic of Macedonia as a new emerging economy integrated with regional and world markets. They devote their time, efforts and knowledge to help make this vision become a reality.

### **NORMS**

5. CEA research and recommendations are based on evidence, clearly articulated methodologies and techniques as much as possible from official statistical information systems.
6. In the areas of policy advocacy CEA will distinguish its institutional identity from the identities and activities of its staff and experts.
7. In participation in political activity CEA members are on hold with their membership and CEA activity and CEA publications.
8. In preparation of policy papers, research, trainings, consultation sessions, presentations for political parties CEA will work with a separate bank account. CEA will prepare independent, professional analysis in these cases by using the usually recognized research methods and techniques.

### **ACTIONS**

9. In their research, writing and speaking activities, individual CEA experts, or small teams of experts, often advocate particular policies as the result of specific projects. When doing so, experts are solely representing themselves as individuals.
10. The above does not apply to policy issues affecting the institutional interests of CEA nor does it apply to policy issues affecting the non-governmental organization/think tank sector.
11. CEA do not institutionally endorse political candidates and political parties, nor do they participate in political campaigns. CEA experts who wish to participate in politics and/or endorse political candidates may do so only during their personal time and supported by their personal resources. CEA experts who wish to devote considerable personal time and effort to participating in political activities and campaigns should refrain from simultaneously participating in CEA projects.
12. CEA's publications series (CEA Journal of economics and CEA bulletin and other) provide several forums in which scholars and experts can post their research and advance their point of view. Materials published within CEA publications reflect the views of the author(s) and not the views of CEA as an institution.
13. Neither CEA, nor its affiliated scholars and experts engage in lobbying or other political activities on behalf of our project sponsors and institutional supporters.