



GEORGIAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

Code of Ethics of
the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform (EaP CSF GNP)

1. General Provisions

- 1.1. The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Georgian National Platform (hereinafter referred to as the Georgian National Platform) is union of international and local non-governmental organizations registered in Georgia, among them social partners, aiming to promote and implement the goals the Eastern Partnership (EaP) initiated by the EU in the Eastern Neighborhood.
- 1.2. The Georgian National Platform (GNP) member organizations agree that the EU integration is the most perspective way of Georgia's economic, social and political development and by joining the GNP they commit themselves to promote this process.
- 1.3. In addition, the GNP member organizations agree that it is important to establish and develop ethical standards of conduct and communication between the GNP members to support and promote the EaP CSF GNP and the Eastern Partnership performance in Georgia.
- 1.4. The GNP member organizations undertake to abide by this Code of Ethics (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"), which in turn will contribute to the productivity of the GNP, its performance, gaining broader public trust and building reputation.

2. Scope and Purpose of the Code of Ethics

- 2.1 The Code shall apply to the GNP member organizations;
- 2.2 The Code aims to determine the principles of activities, rules of conduct and ethical norms for the GNP members;
- 2.3 The Code shall enter into force upon approval by the GNP General Assembly.

3. The Code is based on the following core values:

- Protection of human rights and social equality;
- Respect for human dignity;
- Transparency and accountability practices;
- Good governance practices;
- Promotion of diversity and inclusion;

- Promotion of gender equality;
- Creation of conditions for equal democratic participation in public life;
- Facilitation of the implementation of sustainable development goals and creation of conditions for the planning and implementation of environmental activities.
- Climate change mitigation and facilitation of adaptation measures (development and implementation of state climate change mitigation and adaptation action plans)
- Fighting against corruption and other illegal and inappropriate behaviors;
- Commitment to the sustainable positive change practice.

4. Principles of Activities, Rules of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Interaction for the GNP Members

4.1. The GNP members committed to achieving the goals set by the GNP undertake to promote:

- Establishment of relationships based on respect and fairness, honesty and integrity;
- Collegiality;
- Constructive criticism;
- Respecting different opinions and views;
- Constructive discussion of controversial issues;
- Conducting ethical dialogue;
- Creation of transparent environment, revealing shortcomings and faults;
- Constant contact and cooperation, accountability to the civil society;
- Objective evaluation of colleagues' activities.
- Taking and fulfillment of fair decisions;

4.2. The GNP members committed to achieving the goals set by the GNP undertake not to allow:

- Autocratic actions
- Destructive actions that hinder the effective performance of the GNP;
- Abusive language;
- Humiliation;
- Slander;
- Rude and unacceptable including personal criticism;
- Conflict of interests;
- Discrimination on grounds of religion, ethnicity, political affiliation, gender and other factors;
- Discrediting the GNP goals;
- Improper use of common means of communication of the GNP.

4.3. The GNP members shall be punctual, systematically attend and actively participate in the activities of the Forum, Coordination Council and Working Groups.

5. Confidentiality

The GNP member organizations shall not disclose confidential information. The information intended for the internal use of the GNP member organizations or available in the work process prior to its official publication shall be deemed to be confidential.

6. Cooperation with the Government

The GNP cooperates with Georgian public authorities as far as it responds to GNP goals and does not limit independence of the GNP. The GNP member organizations shall contradict the attempts of public authorities to restrict the rights of public organizations.

7. Control - Self-control

1) The Dispute Resolution Body shall be established to resolve disputes, which may respond to the violations of the Statute and the Code of Ethics of the GNP.

2) The annual self-control of the GNP shall be exercised by the Council through a special questionnaire among the GNP members selected by casting lots and if necessary, by an invited person.

8. Violation of Provisions of the Code of Ethics

8.1 Principles enshrined in the present document shall serve as the basis for the activities of the GNP and shall be strictly followed by the GNP members.

8.2 The Coordination Council shall apply measures envisaged by the Statute of the GNP in case of violations of the Code of Ethics by the GNP member organization/representative of the organization.

Relationships not regulated by this Code shall be decided based on inner belief, according to moral and ethical principles.