

## CODE OF ETHICS BY EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGY

### BACKGROUND

In order to ensure good governance, interactions should be based on fundamental principles of integrity, mutual respect, responsiveness, accountability, collaboration and transparency. The Code of Ethics of the European Association of Urology (EAU) addresses the core values of independence, fair market value for services obtained, and up to date scientific documentation for interactions with Healthcare Professionals, Healthcare Organisations, Industry partners and Patient Organisations.

This Code of Ethics outlines how EAU works with partners who provide unrestricted sustainable funding to contribute to EAU's strategic plan and annual work programme, and why this is important. This partnership is not solely financial and focuses also on scientific and educational projects and the corresponding transparent dialogue and exchange of independent views between EAU and these partners.

### PREAMBLE

The European Association of Urology (EAU) represents the leading authority within Europe on urological practice, research and education. Over 16,000 medical professionals have joined its ranks. As a European non-governmental organisation the EAU aims to bring together the voices of medical professionals, researchers, innovators and patients on a European platform to keep urological topics high on the public agenda.

### MISSION

Our mission is to raise the level of urological care throughout Europe and beyond by setting the highest standards in urological care and promote efficiency and compassion in the operation of hospital and healthcare services.

### VISION

With the ageing society the European healthcare systems face serious challenges over the coming years. The EAU's vision for the future is to establish equal access to urological care within all European Member States.

### CORE PRINCIPLES IN RELATION TO FUNDING

The EAU Code of Ethics set standards for industry partners with regard to ethical interactions with the healthcare community. In order to make funding partnerships work in practice, to ensure the integrity of both the funder and EAU is maintained, and to demonstrate to other stakeholders that our relationships are absolutely scrupulous, the following key principles underpin our acceptance of funding.

### INDEPENDENCE

EAU will maintain at all times an independent and strong patients' voice on behalf of its member organisations. The potential effect of EAU positions on funders will never be a relevant factor in EAU's policy development and decision-making process.

### MUTUAL RESPECT

EAU and our sustainable funding partners undertake to cooperate on a basis of mutual respect as fellow stakeholders in healthcare systems and delivery.

### UNRESTRICTED

Funding received by EAU for our operational programme to fulfil our vision and mission should be unrestricted in nature, to contribute to the operational work programme to fulfil our strategic goals and objectives. EAU will lead and/ or cooperate in specific projects funded by the European Commission and other public/ private sources, where these are in accordance with our policy and criteria for getting involved in projects and these will also require co-financing in the form of unrestricted funding from sustainable funding partners.

### SUSTAINABILITY

The funding support provided by partners should, wherever possible be part of a long term commitment to funding supported by a written agreement.

The funding support may also be allocated to building reasonable reserves for EAU to ensure the sustainability of the organisation

### NO SINGLE SOURCE FUNDING

EAU scientific/educational projects and events should be supported with an unrestricted grant by more than one industry partner or the European Commission or a Federation composed of several companies. The content of such events should be developed by an independent EAU working group of members established for the purpose.

### TRANSPARENCY

A written agreement between the funder and EAU outlines the nature and amount of the funding and the period covered.

The funding sources will be acknowledged with thanks on relevant publications linked to an EAU scientific /educational projects and events.

The amount of funding received and the sources are included in the EAU Annual Report and published separately on the EAU website.

### FUNDING FROM THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

EAU will apply the EFPIA Code of Good Practice on working with patients' organisations in relation to any funding received from the pharmaceutical industry whilst also building in the above principles adopted, and other relevant European codes.

EAU will ensure that the funding received from one single company will be proportional to the overall budget and reflect our commitment to diversity of funding sources.