

GROUP INTEGRITY POLICY

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1. Introduction and context

The Group Integrity Policy (hereafter also referred to as the “Policy”) has been drafted by the Group Compliance function of Credendo, is approved by the Board of Directors of Credendo ECA and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Policy outlines and describes the essential and minimum integrity principles to be applied by all affiliated entities of Credendo¹ (hereafter also referred to as “Credendo” for reasons of simplicity). If there are any specifics regarding these principles at the level of the entity that would require deviation from certain of these principles because of local regulation, these deviations will be adopted in the appendix of that concerned entity.

This Policy contains the core principles and values which anyone working for Credendo must adhere to in their daily work as well internally as towards any other person who has a relationship with Credendo such as clients, providers, employees and other business partners to avoid any conduct that could harm the reputation of one or more entities of Credendo.

The latest version of the Group Policy, together with the appendix to this Policy will submitted to each Board of Directors/Supervisory Board (hereinafter also referred to as the “Board”) annually for update and approval and published on the Credendo intranet.

For the purposes of this Policy, “Compliance” refers to the compliance function in place at the respective entity. In case of doubt, Group Compliance should be contacted.

2. Objectives & Key Principles

The primary objective of this Policy is to define the minimal statutory and regulatory requirements as well as the internal standards and values to which all people working for Credendo, under whatever statute, should adhere in order to guarantee the integrity of all persons working within Credendo.

The Policy recognises the importance of integrity in performing its insurance activities towards all its stakeholders. It underlines the principle that Credendo promotes honesty, business ethics, corporate and social responsibility and compliance with any laws, rules, regulations, the policies and the best practices while operating their activities in order to avoid any reputational and liability risks.

With the objective to apply the best principles and in order to avoid or remediate any reputational risks in the best way, Credendo has also adopted a separate Code of Conduct, a Compliance Policy and Policy on Reputational Risk.

3. Responsibilities

3.1. Board of Directors/Supervisory Board

The Board has the responsibility to establish the strategic goals and business values of the company, as well as the internal integrity principles, which determine how business is done in a spirit of integrity and engagement with the stakeholders.

The Board ratifies, promotes and encourages the group integrity principles as set out in this Policy and takes the lead in promoting the Credendo values within its entire organisation by setting the good example (“tone at the top”).

¹ This is the parent Company ECA and its 5 subsidiaries, branches included.

3.2. Executive Committee/Management Board

The Executive Committee/Management Board (hereafter also referred to as the “Executive Committee”) is responsible for elaborating and updating the Policy.

The Executive Committee takes the necessary initiatives to ensure that everyone working for the company is aware of the existence and content of the Policy and ensures that the necessary internal control measures are taken in order to guarantee the actual implementation of the Policy in the company, its subsidiaries and branches.

3.3. Compliance Function

Each Credendo entity has set up a permanent and independent Compliance Function . This function has a coordinating and initiating role with respect to the execution of the Policy within the entity and the mitigation of a reputational risk because of a failure to comply with these principles.

The Compliance Function is responsible for the implementation of the Policy and its monitoring within the entity and its branches, and will take the appropriate actions when the integrity principles below are not respected in order to safeguard the reputation of Credendo.

The mission, statute, responsibilities and organisation of the compliance function are further regulated in the Compliance Charter.

The Group Compliance Function ensures a group approach with respect of reputation risks within Credendo, the Compliance Function of each subsidiary reports functionally (dotted line) to the Group Compliance Officer.

3.4. Persons working for Credendo

All persons working for Credendo need to be loyal vis-à-vis Credendo and the principles mentioned in the current Policy. This applies to all people directly employed by any entity of Credendo, as well as to persons employed via consulting, outsourcing or other such arrangements.

Senior employees and persons with a managerial duty have a particular responsibility to provide leadership by setting an example with respect to the observance of these principles and by maintaining an environment in which honesty and integrity are fundamental values (“tone at the middle”).

4. Integrity principles and professional ethics

The primary objective of the Policy is to define and promote the statutory and regulatory requirements as well as the internal standards and values which are laid down by Credendo in order to guarantee the integrity of Credendo.

All persons working for Credendo must act in a diligent, sound, honest and professional manner when performing their daily activities. In doing so, they should pay special attention to the different integrity domains which are listed in this policy and which are considered as being key to its activity as a professional insurance company, and to any action or decision that can damage the reputation of Credendo.

In case of doubt regarding the application of the principles set out in this Policy, or in order to communicate any remarks or questions on these principles, Compliance can be contacted for further assistance and guidance.

Any suspected violation of law, regulation or internal policy must be reported to the appropriate level of authority within Credendo. Depending on the situation, the whistleblowing procedure as further described in the code of conduct can be followed to report any violations.

Non-compliance with the principles of this Policy can lead to specific corrective measures as foreseen by the employment rules of the concerned entity.

At no time should any person working for Credendo be asked to do anything which would be in violation of these principles.

4.1. Comply with statutory and regulatory requirements

As a general principle, all persons working for Credendo need to be compliant with all local legal and regulatory requirements as well as with foreign legal and regulatory requirements that are applicable when performing any insurance activity in another country.

Credendo adheres to the best practices of the insurance industry and does its utmost best to introduce and act upon these best practices whenever it seems possible and useful to do so.

Documented and up to date procedures will assist staff in fulfilling the legal requirements that are applicable in the day to day operations.

4.2. Avoid involvement in tax mechanisms

Credendo shall act as a responsible tax payer, and ensures compliance with applicable tax regulations when performing its activities in the various jurisdictions in which it operates.

Credendo avoids any direct or indirect involvement in tax dealings which could negatively affect its reputation, or in any mechanism with the aim or consequence of tax fraud, tax evasion and/or the negligence of tax obligations.

Credendo takes the necessary measures to avoid any exposure to reputation and liability risks to which Credendo and the persons working for Credendo could be liable.

Tax integrity is an integral part of the functioning and organisation of Credendo.

4.3. Combat Money-Laundering and Terrorist Financing – Respect international sanctions

Credendo is committed and gives the appropriate attention to complying with all applicable laws regarding the international fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

Further, Credendo is committed to complying with applicable sanctions and embargoes, which includes understanding the economic sanctions and embargoes that apply in the markets where Credendo is operating, and not cooperating in any attempts to circumvent these sanctions.

Credendo takes appropriate and reasonable measures to identify its business partners and counterparties and to understand transactions and activities in order to prevent any involvement in activities linked with money laundering or financing of terrorism and/or are in breach with national and international sanctions and/or embargoes.

4.4. Protect Personal Data

The Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (“General Data Protection Regulation”), as completed by national Data Protection Laws, lay down strict rules about the way in which personal data and sensitive personal data are collected, accessed, used and disclosed.

The General Data Protection Regulation gives several rights to individuals (among others the right to be informed, the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure or the right to restrict processing). It also reinforces the security and confidentiality obligations for both the data controller and the data processor, in particular by instituting procedures in case of personal data breach.

Credendo and all staff working within Credendo will respect each individual’s privacy and data protection rights and comply with its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation. They will also collaborate with each other to manage any risk related to potential personal data breach.

Credendo ensures that technical or organisational measures are taken for the appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage. It also aims to provide sufficient safeguards against possible abuse of their personal data.

4.5. Act against Discrimination

Credendo is committed to the principle of equal treatment and opportunity and providing an educational and work environment free from discrimination. Any form of discrimination based on nationality, race, colour of skin, origin or national or ethnic descent is therefore prohibited in any of its activities or operations. This prohibition applies to any discrimination (direct or indirect), intimidation or order to discriminate.

Any such prohibited action is also sanctioned criminally. It is therefore evident that all persons working for Credendo should understand and respect this legal prohibition to discriminate and that affirmative action measures will be taken to ensure compliance with these principles.

These non-discrimination principles are applied by Credendo in relation to its employees, its business relationships and other third parties and are upheld in each contractual document or relationship in which Credendo is included or represented.

4.6. Compete fairly

Credendo is bound by the national and international regulations to ensure free competition on the market and do not allow any action which would prevent, limit or falsify the competition on the economic market or part thereof.

Credendo may not be involved in any contracts, decisions, or mutual attuned behaviours which aim at or which have as a consequence that the competition on the concerned market or a significant part of this market is prevented, limited or falsified.

This principle to ensure free competition also includes the prohibition of price-fixing, unfair trading practices such as misleading or destructive advertising.

Any deals, agreements or actions which would have the effect of preventing, limiting or falsifying competition can be sanctioned criminally.

It is therefore evident that the persons working for Credendo should not engage in any such acts.

4.7. Apply Sound Procurement Principles

Credendo will ensure that its funds are employed as rationally as possible. This requires that the works, goods and services procured are of appropriate quality, and acquired at economic prices and in a timely manner.

An adequate degree of transparency in the entire procurement cycle should be provided in order to promote fair and equitable treatment of potential suppliers, maximise transparency in competitive tendering and place the different potential suppliers in a position of competition in order to obtain the best price and/or the best quality.

It is Credendo's policy to require that promoters, as well as tenderers, contractors, suppliers and consultants observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts.

Credendo will not perform any business with suppliers for which it is aware that they do not have the necessary integrity with respect to their activities.

4.8. Manage conflict of interests correctly

Credendo subscribes the basic principle that the persons working for Credendo should always act in a loyal, fair and professional way in order to preserve each of its client's interests.

This means that each person must avoid being in a potential situation of conflict of interest. A conflict of interest occurs when the impartial and objective exercise of a function is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional ties, political or national affinity, economic interest or any other shared interest.

All persons must report any (potential) conflict of interest to Compliance as soon as they become aware it. Compliance needs also to be consulted in case of doubt regarding the potential existence of a conflict of interest or the application or interpretation of the principles in the Integrity Policy regarding conflicts of interest.

Wherever a conflict of interest is identified, appropriate measures must be taken to either remove it or mitigate it.

Some specific points of attention concerning conflicts of interest are:

- > Accepting and offering of gifts beyond the scope of normal professional relations;
- > Having a position in a company that also has a business relationship with Credendo;
- > Acting as an intermediary between a client and Credendo;
- > Inappropriate use of Credendo's assets.

The specific rules, reporting and consulting lines with respect to potential conflicts of interest have been included in the Code of conduct.

4.9. Respect Market integrity regulation

Each person may in the course of his professional activities come into contact with certain privileged (or inside) information regarding legal entities which is not yet made public.

It is strictly prohibited from using or disclosing such information for any other purpose than in the course of Credendo's activities.

This includes a prohibition on trading in any financial instruments on the basis of such information that is not available to the public, or disclosing such information to others so they can act on it (tipping).

Furthermore, it is prohibited to distribute or communicate information, or take any other action that may distort the market price of any negotiable financial instrument.

4.10. Treat Clients Fairly

Credendo endorses the general duty of care principle and consider it essential that all communications to the client are fair, clear and not misleading, and provided in a timely fashion. This information should enable the client to understand all conditions of the policy and the cover that is requested, the premium that is to be paid, and the possible related costs, taxes and their percentages.

Credendo should not engage in any publicity which could be considered as misleading or which would not present the necessary information and therefore lead to false inductions with respect to the characteristics of the services offered.

Credendo shall only offer its clients suitable products and services which are in line with their needs and demands.

4.11. Respect Professional discretion

4.11.1. Treatment of confidential information

As a general rule, persons working for Credendo should have the necessary discretion with respect to any information they receive or become aware of as a consequence of their professional activities, either with respect to Credendo, the shareholders, the persons working for Credendo, the clients and/or any third party. Such information can only be used for the professional purpose it has been received.

In all matters, the legal and internal regulations relating to confidentiality, handling and processing of personal data must be observed.

Persons who are no longer working for Credendo still need to respect this principle of professional discretion.

4.11.2. Archiving

Credendo takes the necessary organisational and technical measures to guarantee the correct archiving of the information, on paper or electronic, as required by law.

The persons working for Credendo are familiar with the procedures which exist in this respect.

The persons working for Credendo must take the appropriate measures to safeguard and to prevent any manipulation or misuse of the information included in these files.

4.12. Handle Complaints correctly

A complaint is defined as a statement of dissatisfaction addressed to Credendo by a person relating to the insurance contract or service he/she has been provided with.

Credendo shall put in place a claims handling procedure, which enables complaints to be investigated fairly and without unnecessary delay and possible conflicts of interest to be identified and mitigated.

Complaints will be registered internally in accordance with national timing requirements in an appropriate manner.

5. Ratification

The most recent version of this Policy document is made available to the staff of Credendo, through the corporate intranet, that allows staff to access this document at their convenience.

The Appendix of each subsidiary shall be available to the staff of that subsidiary.

The Board and the Executive Committee or Management Board of all entities of Credendo in scope are asked to ratify this Group Policy and its completed Appendix.