

LOGEX COMMUNITY ETHICS FUNDING TOOL

Values and Objectives of the LogEx Community

The LogEx Community, as a regional initiative of The Balkan Forum, is dedicated to fostering sustainable development and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans. By promoting the principles of a circular economy, we aim to unite diverse stakeholders to create a more sustainable and prosperous future for the region.

Principles of Circular Economy

The circular economy prioritizes the elimination of waste, the continuous use of resources, and the creation of regenerative systems. It moves away from the traditional linear economy of "take, make, dispose" by emphasizing recycling, reuse, and responsible production. The LogEx Community embraces these principles to drive systemic change toward a more sustainable and equitable future for the Western Balkans.

Purpose

This Ethics Funding Tool is designed to ensure transparency and accountability regarding the funding sources accepted by the LogEx Community. It reassures donors, partners, and stakeholders that the community's financial practices align with its core values of fostering sustainable development and supporting a circular economy.

Ethical Funding Principles

The LogEx Community consists of NGOs, including Build Green Group (Albania), CENER 21 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), COD Jajce (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Universum College (Kosovo), Zero Waste Montenegro (Montenegro), CIVIL (North Macedonia), Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Serbia), and The Balkan Forum (Kosovo). We are committed to upholding transparency, environmental responsibility, social equity, and alignment with our mission. We maintain transparency by fully disclosing all funding sources to stakeholders and publicly documenting all funding agreements to ensure accountability.

The LogEx Community is dedicated to **environmental responsibility**. We do not accept funding from industries or entities that contribute to environmental harm, including fossil fuel companies, mining operations with destructive practices, and corporations with a history of pollution or poor environmental stewardship.

Social responsibility is another cornerstone of our funding principles. We refuse funding from entities involved in human rights violations, exploitative labor practices, or unethical corporate behavior. We prioritize funding from donors that promote **equity, diversity, and social justice**. Additionally, all funding sources must align with the values and objectives of the LogEx Community and the principles of a circular economy.

How to Report Concerns

Should stakeholders have any concerns about a funding source or financial decision, we encourage them to contact the LogEx Community directly. All reports will be treated confidentially and addressed in a timely manner. Concerns can be submitted via email to: info@balkanforum.org

Annex: Example of Ethical Funding Practices

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