

LINKS EUROPE FOUNDATION AND COMMONSPACE.EU

Consolidated Code of conduct and practice

1 June 2026

I. Content on commonspace.eu and ancillary products, including “Concise” newsletters and social media outlets

- All contributors should be guided by the principals of tolerance, free speech and respect for diverse opinions.
- Any material which inflames racial, religious or political hatred; shows disrespect due to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation and cultural identity; or is deemed pornographic or libellous shall be excluded.
- In voicing diverse opinions, contributors will nevertheless avoid insulting language or language that may incite hatred, or unlawful violence.
- Material placed on commonspace.eu shall be clearly attributable to the source from where it originates in a way that responsibility for the content shall be clearly with the person/organisation originating the content.
- Contributors shall take care to quote correctly and honestly any person or document quoted or cited and shall take care to ensure that material translated from other languages is done so in an accurate and professional manner.
- In reporting events, contributors will seek to be accurate and shall avoid sensationalism.
- commonspace.eu and its products strive for accuracy. Errors of fact are promptly and openly corrected, with significant corrections acknowledged transparently. Readers can raise concerns or request corrections through a clearly signposted means.
- When critiquing individuals or organizations, where possible, contributors seek their response before publication and offer a fair opportunity to reply.
- For authored submissions, the author remains fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, and integrity of their article
- Contributors verify information before publication and corroborate it through multiple independent sources. Anonymity is granted only when necessary to protect the source and the information is of public interest. The identity of sources given in confidence is protected.

- Contributors respect intellectual property. Third-party text, images, data, and other material are used only with permission or lawful use, and proper credit is given. Plagiarism is not tolerated.

II. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

commonsplace.eu and its ancillary products, including the “Concise” newsletters embrace AI as a tool that may contribute significantly to its work. However, we also recognise its limitations and its risks. We commit to use AI prudently, and under constant monitoring. AI will never be used to replace or supplement editorial oversight of content, nor to replace or distort analysis and comment, which shall always remain the right and responsibility of the editorial team. We recognise that this is a new and evolving area, and in 2027 we will commission an independent review of the use of AI on commonsplace.eu and its ancillary products.

III. Safeguarding and equality

The management of LINKS Europe and commonsplace.eu is committed to offer all its staff, associates, and participants in its work and events, a safe environment for its work and interaction between its stakeholders.

- LINKS Europe is an equal opportunities employer committed to the highest standards in the delivery of our work to stakeholders and in the relations within its small but diverse team.
- We recruit personnel strictly on merit, including qualifications, experience and aptitude, and without regard to gender, age, sexual orientation, colour or creed. Staff career path trajectories are based on the same principles.
- All issues related to sexual, physical and verbal abuse, as well as physical or online bullying will be taken seriously, and each case will be investigated.
- LINKS Europe will protect its staff against any incidence of discrimination or abuse, or acts of bullying against them by third parties, whilst in the execution of their duties.

LINKS Europe exists to promote a better world based on universal values of freedom and tolerance. We are therefore committed to the eradication of all expressions of intolerance, including antisemitism, Islamophobia, homophobia and intolerance in all its forms.

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IV. Data protection and privacy.

LINKS Europe and commonsplace.eu comply with the GDPR and applicable national law in handling personal data lawfully, fairly, and transparently.

Subscribers, contributors, staff, and participants' personal data, including contact details for the "Concise" newsletters, is collected for legitimate purposes, kept secure, retained only as needed, and never sold. It's shared with third parties only as required by law or to deliver work. Subscribers can withdraw consent and unsubscribe anytime.

This consolidated Code of conduct and practice replaces all other previous codes of LINKS Europe and commonspace.eu

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