

CODE OF ETHICS FOR EXTERNAL PARTNER

Transparency and ethical business conduct are of paramount importance to CKB. A prerequisite for long-term success is to operate with integrity and to maintain a reputation based on trust, which helps to build stable partnerships and to achieve long-term business goals.

The purpose of the Code of Ethics for external partner is to provide clear and unambiguous guidelines and expectations for those who have a relationship with the CKB on ethical business conduct in order to protect the values of the CKB.

The CKB endeavours to ensure that all its suppliers, business partners, agents and other contractual partners undertake to comply with the provisions of the Code of Ethics for external partner by contracting this obligation.

If a manager or employee of a partner company knows or has reasonable grounds to suspect that the values set out in the Code of Ethics for external partner have been violated in the partnership with the CKB, or if they have any questions about the Code, please indicate them to the Compliance Department.

- in person during working hours (by appointment) or by letter: Crnogorska komercijalna banka AD Podgorica (Bulevar revolucije 17, 81000 Podgorica)
- by telephone, Mondays-Fridays, 8:00 a.m. – 16:00 p.m., +382 20 415-855
- by e-mail at zvzdaci@ckb.me
- Ethical Breach and Whistleblowing Reporting System operated by OTP Bank Plc. Compliance Department

Reports can also be made anonymously. Notifications, requests and investigations will always be treated confidentially by the CKB, in observance of the applicable statutory regulations and internal rules, protecting the whistleblower.

I. Compliance with laws, regulations and official requirements

The partners of the CKB are obliged to comply with the applicable legal provisions, decisions and guidelines of the authorities, as well as with the industry and organisational standards and ethical requirements applicable to their business activities. They shall ensure, through appropriate regulation and training within their companies, that their employees and managers act in accordance with internal rules and applicable laws and regulations.

II. Transparency of accounts and reports

The CKB partners are required to prepare and publish their accounts and financial reports in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable laws.

III. Compliance with competition law and consumer protection rules

CKB external partners are expected to adhere to the principle of fair competition and to comply with applicable competition laws. External Partners act ethically and fairly in compliance with Competition law, and refrain from any conduct that could result in an unfair restriction of competition or abuse of a dominant position. Unfair price-fixing, collusion in tendering, market-sharing agreements or abuse of dominant position are prohibited.

The CKB external partners are also expected to pay special attention to the protection of consumer interests and rights, and the quality of services provided to consumers.

IV. Conflict of interest

The CKB external partners must act transparently and honestly in relation to their business activities: they must disclose to the CKB any direct or indirect relationship between the partner and the employees of the CKB members that affects business relations and report any such event to the CKB without delay.

V. Anti-corruption

The CKB is committed to combatting corruption and declared zero tolerance towards all forms of bribery and the gaining of unfair advantages. The CKB ensures that national, European Union and international legislation on the prevention of corruption is fully enforced and expects its employees and contractual partners to comply with it.

The CKB expects its partners not to promise or offer any benefits or advantages to employees of CKB with the intention of obtaining business advantages or demand or offer bribes, gifts or other benefits of value for the purpose of obtaining or realising business opportunities with a member of the CKB.

VI. Avoiding insider dealing

In the course of their daily work, certain employees of CKB external partners may come into possession of inside information, which they may not use for financial gain or share with unauthorised persons. CKB external partners are expected to take all necessary measures to avoid and prohibit insider trading.

VII. Confidentiality, protection of personal data

The CKB external partners are expected to protect and safeguard trade secrets, banking secrecy and securities secrecy in accordance with the applicable laws, to keep confidential business data relating to the CKB, without time limit and not to use or disclose them to third parties without prior consent.

The CKB external partners must ensure an adequate level of protection of personal data processed by them and must take appropriate security measures to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the data to the authorised parties in accordance with the Data Protection Law.



VIII. Activities against money laundering and terrorist financing, international sanctions and restrictive measures

The CKB expects its external partners to act in the strongest possible way to prevent and deter money laundering and terrorist financing, to apply sanctioning rules and, by following the "Know Your Customer" principle, to obtain exhaustive customer information.

The CKB external partners are committed to complying with the economic, financial, trade sanctions and embargo laws and regulations adopted by the European Union and the United Nations and, to the extent as can be expected from them, the sanctions and laws of other applicable jurisdictions in particular those of the United States of America and the United Kingdom).

IX. Safe and healthy working environment

The CKB external partners ensure that their employees have a healthy and modern workplace that complies with labour regulations, that their health and safety are protected and that the necessary safety, occupational safety and fire protection training is provided.

X. Respecting human rights, ensuring workers' rights

The external partners of the CKB are obliged to protect the universal human rights enshrined in international conventions and to firmly reject child labour, the employment of minors and forced labour which are contrary to the local legislation. All employees must be treated fairly and with respect. The rights relating to personality, dignity and privacy of workers must also be respected.

In the exercise of workers' rights, it shall, to the extent that it is entitled to do so, ensure the following: the right to just and favourable conditions of work, fair wages and decent living conditions; the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining, the right to form and join trade unions, the right to be free from all forms of trafficking in persons, child labour and forced or compulsory labour; the right to non-discrimination, the principle of equal pay for equal work and the right to freedom of expression.

XI. Protection of the CKB's assets and interests

The CKB partners must assume responsibility for the integrity, proper and economic use of the CKB assets to which they have access or to which their activities have an impact.

The CKB partners will also avoid any situation that could adversely affect the business interests or reputation of the CKB or any of its members.

XII. Sustainability

The CKB partners assess and comply with sustainability (ESG) requirements to the extent that they can be expected to do so, and meet the E–Environmental, S–Social and G–Governance requirements applicable to them.