Code of Conduct for members

EuroPris brings together practitioners in the prison arena with the specific intention of promoting ethical and rights-based imprisonment, exchanging information, and providing expert assistance to support this agenda. We facilitate co-operation among European Prison and Correctional Services, with the aim of improving the lives of prisoners and their families, enhancing public safety and security; reducing re-offending; and advancing professionalism in the corrections’ field.

Membership of the Association is open to those European national Prison and Correctional Administrations which are able and willing to support the agreed aims and objectives of the Association. Public institutions or organisations in the Council of Europe region, which provide prison or correctional services on a legal or statutory basis can become members of EuroPris.

Benefits to EuroPris members include:
- Engagement in a range of peer networks offering exchange of practices and solutions
- Membership of Expert Groups focusing on specialist areas relevant in prison services
- Participation and contribution in EuroPris activities
- Circulation of EuroPris newsletters
- EuroPris research collaborations
- The Prison Achievement Award
- Access to online services and tools like KMS and EPIS
- Voting rights and possibility to affect the direction and content of the organisation

The purpose of the Code of Conduct for Members is to set out standards of behaviour expected from members of EuroPris. All members are requested to read and comply with the Code of Conduct for Members. Where the Board of EuroPris is satisfied that a member has acted in breach of any part of this code, the Board may take such action that it considers appropriate having regard to the relevant member’s legal rights.

1. Members shall to its ability support EuroPris events, expert groups and sharing of knowledge.
2. Members shall act in a way that is in line with the Mission and Vision of EuroPris.
3. Members shall read and agree to abide by the Articles of Association of EuroPris.
4. Members shall agree to act at all times with honesty and integrity and in a manner that does not damage or undermine the reputation of EuroPris.
5. No member shall have the authority to speak on behalf of EuroPris without the express approval of the EuroPris Board or Secretariat.
6. Members shall treat other members, staff and speakers with fairness, equality, dignity and respect.
7. No member shall disrupt or canvass fellow members at a EuroPris meeting or event.