

Code of Conduct

SEVEN PRINCIPLES Group (7P)

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Preamble

The SEVEN PRINCIPLES AG and its subsidiaries (hereinafter 7P) are committed to their social responsibility within the scope of their entrepreneurial activities worldwide (internationally usually referred to as Corporate Social Responsibility "CSR"). This "7P Code of Conduct for Social Responsibility" (hereinafter referred to as "CoC") defines as guideline what this means in particular with regard to working conditions, social and environmental compatibility as well as transparency, trusting cooperation and dialogue. The contents of this CoC are an expression of the shared values of 7P, as defined in the vision and principles of 7P and the commitment to the social market economy.

1 Basic Understanding of Social Responsibility in Corporate Management

A mutual, basic understanding of social responsibility in corporate management forms the basis of this CoC. This means 7P assumes responsibility by bearing in mind the consequences of its business decisions and actions on economic, technological, social and environmental levels and by achieving an appropriate balance of interests.

The undersigned company voluntarily contributes to the wellbeing and longterm development of a global society at every point it can at the locations where it is in business. It is geared towards universally held ethical values and principles, especially integrity, honesty and respect of human dignity.

The following points should be particularly emphasized:

- In order to meet our social responsibility, it is particularly important that we all know the laws and regulations relevant to our work and take personal responsibility for compliance with them in our own working environment.
- Our managers have a special role model function. Their task is to exemplify our corporate culture and embody our values. It is the responsibility of the managers to act against any conduct that is not in accordance with laws and guidelines as well as the specifications and basic values of 7P.
- All employees can raise issues without fear and concern of reprisals. Both their managers and the Compliance Manager are available to them as trusted contacts.

2 Where the CoC applies

This CoC is in effect for all 7P's branches and business units worldwide.

7P commits to promoting adherence to the content of this CoC at every point it can for its suppliers and in other parts of the value chain.

3 Core Values for Social Responsibility in Corporate Management

7P will proactively work to ensure that the values mentioned below are put into practice and adhered to both now and in the future.

3.1 Adherence to laws

7P will abide by the laws in effect and other legal requirements of the countries where it is in business. For countries that have a weak institutional framework, the company will carefully examine what good company practices from their home country should be applied to enable supportive, responsible company management. In each case, the stricter standards are to be applied to their own actions. If there are doubts as to the legal appropriateness of a decision, the 7P Legal Department should be consulted.

All managers are required to know the fundamental laws, regulations and internal company rules relevant to their area of responsibility. Comprehensive knowledge is required for those executives who, by virtue of their function or position, bear special responsibility for ensuring compliance (e.g. managing directors, executives in the areas of compliance, finance, human resources, legal, auditing, risk management).

3.2 Integrity and Organizational Governance

- 7P gears its activities towards universally held ethical values and principles, especially integrity, honesty, respect of human dignity, openness and non-discrimination based on religion, ideology, gender and ethnicity. Every individual has the right to be treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Harassment, bullying and intimidation are prohibited
- 7P rejects corruption and bribery as stated in the relevant UN Convention (UN Convention against corruption in 2003, in force since 2005). It uses suitable means to promote transparency, trading with integrity, responsible leadership and company accountability.
- 7P pursues clean and recognized business practices and fair competition. In competition, it focuses on professional behaviour and high standards of quality work. It fosters partnership and trusting interaction with the supervisory authorities.

3.3 Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

7P is committed to the responsible use of AI systems in accordance with OECD principles. AI-generated results are clearly labelled, and decisions based on AI are critically reviewed. The protection of confidential and personal data is always observed. In addition, AI results are checked for bias and discriminatory outcomes in the interests of fairness. Employees always act ethically and prudently. AI tools must be secure and suitable for the purpose for which they are used. Risks associated with the use of AI are continuously monitored.

3.4 Consumer interests

As far as consumer interests are concerned, 7P complies with consumer protection regulations, as well as with appropriate sales, marketing and information practices. Groups that are in special need of protection (e.g. protection of minors) will receive special attention.

3.5 Communication

7P will communicate in an open way and is oriented towards dialogue about the requirements of this CoC and about its implementation among employees, clients, suppliers and other stakeholders. Every document and all information will be duly produced. They will not be unfairly changed or destroyed. They will be properly stored. Company secrets and partner's business information will be handled sensitively and will be kept in confidence.

3.6 Human rights

7P is committed to promote human rights. It respects human rights stated in the Charter of the United Nations (General explanation of human rights, UN Resolution 217 A (III) from 1948) and Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union, especially those named in the following:

3.6.1 Privacy

Protection of privacy. 7P respects the privacy and protects the personal lives of its employees and business partners.

3.6.2 Health and safety

Ensuring health and work safety, especially the guarantee of a safe and health-promoting work environment, avoiding accidents and injuries.

3.6.3 Harassment

Employee protection against bodily punishment and against physical, sexual, psychological or verbal harassment or abuse.

3.6.4 Discrimination

Protection against discrimination based on sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, membership of a national minority, property, birth or other status. 7P explicitly supports LGBTQIA+ equality.

3.6.5 Freedom of speech

Protection and guarantee of the right to freedom of conscience and freedom of speech.

3.7 Working conditions

7P abides by the following core work standards from International Labour Organization (ILO):

3.7.1 Child labour

The prohibition of child labour, i.e. the employment of persons younger than 15 years old, if the local legal requirements do not specify a higher age limit and as long as no exceptions are permitted (ILO Convention No. 138 from 1973 and ILO Convention No. 182 from 1999).

3.7.2 Forced labour

The prohibition of forced labour of any kind (ILO Convention No. 29 from 1930 and ILO Convention No. 105 from 1957).

3.7.3 Wage compensation

Work standards concerning compensation, especially in regard to the level of compensation as stated in the laws and requirements that are in force (ILO Convention No. 100 from 1951).

3.7.4 Employee rights

Respecting the rights of the employee to freedom of association, freedom of assembly and collective bargaining, if this is legally permitted and possible in the respective country (ILO Convention No. 87 from 1948 and ILO Convention No. 98 from 1949).

3.7.5 Prohibition of Discrimination

7P treats all employees in a non-discriminatory fashion (ILO Convention No. 111 from 1958). We strive after and foster equality and diversity.

3.8 Working time

7P abides by work standards concerning the longest permitted time of work.

3.9 Environmental and climate protection

7P fulfils the requirements and the standards for environmental protection that affect their operations and acts in an environmentally conscious way at all locations where it is in operation. Protecting the environment and climate is an essential part of 7P's corporate responsibility. For additional responsibility with natural resources, it holds to the principles from the Rio Declaration (The 27 principles from the "Rio Declaration on Environment and Development" from 1992 as the result from the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro).

3.10 Civic commitment

7P contributes to the social and economic development of the countries and regions where it is in business and promotes appropriate, voluntary activities by its employees.

4 Implementation and application

7P will make every appropriate and reasonable effort to implement and to apply the principles and values described in this CoC both now and in the future.

Violation of this Code of Conduct can be reported to 7P via open and anonymous channels. The email address compliance@7p-group.com or the reporting portal, accessible via the link in our legal notice, are available for this purpose.