

# Code of Conduct for European Lighting Experts

## Preamble

The European Lighting Expert Association (ELEA) requires European Lighting Experts to adhere to the highest professional, ethical, and technical standards. This Code of Conduct ensures quality, integrity, and credibility, as well as the protection of the public, the environment, and clients.

## 1. General Professional Duties

European Lighting Experts perform their work independently, objectively, diligently, and with professional care. They commit to complying with all applicable laws, standards, and technical regulations. The reputation of the profession must be upheld through exemplary behavior.

## 2. Integrity and Independence

Conflicts of interest must be avoided. Even the appearance of bias must be prevented. If impartiality may be compromised, the client must be informed immediately. Benefits that could endanger objectivity must be refused—this also applies to employees. Remuneration is provided exclusively by the client. Unlawful ancillary services are prohibited.

## 3. Conduct Towards Clients

The client's interests must be represented with the utmost care and loyalty. Services must be delivered economically, efficiently, and within the scope of the assignment. Obligations to inform about risks, service limitations, and potential conflicts of interest must be observed.

## 4. Conduct Towards Colleagues

Collegiality, respect, and fairness are fundamental principles when dealing with other professionals. Unobjective criticism or disparagement of other experts is prohibited. In case of conflicts, an amicable settlement or mediation is sought.

## 5. Quality Assurance and Continuing Education

European Lighting Experts commit to continuous professional development, e.g., through specialist events, seminars, or internal audits as stipulated in § 24 of the document "Regulations and Quality Management" of the ELEA. The application of current scientific, technical, and legal standards must be ensured. Compliance with ELEA's quality assurance guidelines is mandatory.

## **6. Environmental and Social Responsibility**

Members act in the spirit of environmental and climate protection. They avoid negative impacts on people, nature, and society and promote sustainable solutions.

## **7. Public Conduct and Advertising**

The designation “European Lighting Expert” may only be used factually and without promotional exaggeration. Misleading or incomplete statements about qualifications, services, or areas of activity must be avoided. Logos, titles, or certifications may not be used in a misleading manner.

## **8. Violations and Sanctions**

Violations of this Code of Conduct will result in removal from the ELE register and revocation of the European Lighting Expert title, as described in § 27 of the document “Regulations and Quality Management” of the ELEA.

## **9. Activity as Expert Witnesses**

Members commit to objectivity, traceability, and scientific substantiation of their statements or (private) expert reports. Limitations, uncertainties, or missing information must be disclosed. Findings must be documented in a verifiable manner.

## **10. Use of Digital Media and Communication**

Members commit to responsible use of digital communication tools. Confidential content must not be published via social media or unsecured channels. Personal data must be protected in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

## **11. Cooperation with Authorities and Institutions**

Members are obligated to cooperate with official audits or investigations conducted in connection with their professional activities. They support the clarification of technical matters in the public interest.

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