

Public-Private Networks

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR USE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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- Tapestry Networks is an independent business that specializes in the creation of exclusive, leader-to-leader networks. Our networks set the agenda for economic, social and organisational change.
- The networks that we produce may include a cross-section of private sector leaders, non-profit experts and public officials uniquely equipped to advance a common set of interests. These public-private networks create a context for dialogues that define issues and develop multidisciplinary approaches to advance shared interests.

Ethical and Legal Considerations

- There are four broad areas of the law that may apply to the management of public-private networks with which Tapestry Networks complies. They are election law, the body of laws governing gift giving, lobbying law and competition law.
- Equally important, our networks are guided by a set of ethical rules and considerations that protect both the interests of network members and the constituencies they represent.
- Tapestry Networks has adopted principles and guidelines for all public-private networks it produces which reflect these areas of the law and the ethical obligations and responsibilities of its sponsors and members.
- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors and members do not engage in directly or indirectly offering or promising any benefit to a public official or any other person or otherwise exercise any undue influence on such persons which may influence these persons in the exercise of their duties.

Election Law

- Members and networks are non-partisan in composition and disposition and do not engage in any election-related activities.
- While our networks engage in meaningful dialogues on important social, global and economic issues, Tapestry Networks does not actively seek to influence any election-related activity; in particular, Tapestry Networks does not contribute to the funding of any political party or representatives of any political party in the European Union.

Gift Giving Law

- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors and members adhere to the laws and rules governing gift giving, including but not limited to meals, travel and entertainment.
- Public officials and individuals working for a public entity or carrying out a publicly funded project participating in any network event pay all related meals, travel and entertainment costs.
- No gifts or indirect gratuities are given by Tapestry Networks, its sponsors or members.

Lobbying Law

- Our networks, as unique public-private entities, may discuss topics related to public policy and may determine to take action based on those discussions.
- In the course of these discussions and associated actions, network members may engage in activities that could be considered lobbying contacts with covered officials. In these cases, network members are subject to the requirements and regulations dictated by their positions and organisational affiliations.
- Tapestry Networks is not a registered lobbyist in any jurisdiction. We do not attempt to influence public policy or legislation on behalf of our clients, our networks, or our own corporate interests.
- Our networks make their papers, meeting summaries, and other deliverables freely available to the public upon request. All network conversations are protected by a modified version of the Chatham House Rule, whereby participants' names are a matter of public record but no comments are attributed to any individual.

Competition Law

- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors and members adhere to the relevant competition and antitrust laws.
- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors or members will not exchange or facilitate the exchange of commercially sensitive information, including but not limited to prices, terms of sale, costs, customers, suppliers, strategy plans, investments, marketing, or technology.
- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors or members will not agree on or take commercial actions.

Pharmaceutical Sector

- Tapestry Networks, its sponsors and members adhere to the laws and rules governing the indirect or direct offering or promising of any benefits, incentives, premiums or gifts to any organization or individual active in the medical or pharmaceutical sector.

Ethical Considerations

- Tapestry Networks provides a unique service that advances both the interests of our sponsors and contributes to broader social and economic advancement. Although not required by law, our networks also strive to uphold the highest ethical standards including:
 - A commitment to candid, non-partisan dialogue
 - A willingness to accept accountability and transparency of action
 - A shared sense of a greater good that transcends the interests of any particular organisation represented in the network
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