

# CODE OF CONDUCT

**Ethics and compliance** 

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### We are proud of our values and rules

Our ethical vision and attention to compliance are key elements of EDF Renewables' identity, which also contribute to our good reputation.

It is an indispensable asset, which is the result of everyone's commitment and which we must constantly maintain and cultivate, with honesty and common sense, in order to sustain our activities.

**Editorial Michel Dufourt** EDF Renewables Head of Ethics and Compliance

This Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct has been designed with this in mind.

As an additional mechanism used within EDF Renewables to promote the culture of integrity and provide concrete examples, it supplements our system consisting of:

- the EDF Group ethics Charter, built on its values: "Respect, Solidarity and Responsibility",
- → the EDF Group Ethics and Compliance Policy, and
- → the whistleblowing system.



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This document can be accessed by all EDF Renewables Personnel Members on the **www.edf-renouvelables.com** website.

It is implemented in all EDF Renewables entities, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, without prejudice to the governance of subsidiaries involving third parties. In France, the Code of conduct is incorporated into the internal rules of EDF Renewables SA and its subsidiaries, following the procedure for consulting staff representatives provided for in the Labour Code.

We are proud of our values (Respect, Solidarity, Responsibility, Passion, Agility and Cooperation) and rules, and this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct aims to help us clearly understand them in order to apply them more effectively.

# Message from Bruno Bensasson Chairman and CEO of EDF Renewables

As one of the international leaders in the wind and solar markets, EDF Renewables operates in twenty or so countries around the world. We have built or developed important positions in North America, Europe, particularly in France, and on other continents, in developed and emerging countries. In these varied terrains, EDF Renewables must conduct its business in an ethical manner and with integrity, in compliance with international conventions, local laws and regulations and its commitments. This is necessary both to ensure the sustainability of our business and to comply with our values, not to mention the risk of penalties for offences.

International conventions and national law provide the legal framework that we have to apply. In France, the French law of 9 December 2016 on transparency, the fight against corruption and the modernisation of economic life has brought French legislation to the best anti-corruption standards. It is in this context that EDF Renewables has drawn up this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct "defining and illustrating the different types of behaviour to be prohibited as being likely to characterise acts of corruption or influence peddling". It aims to guide us in ensuring our daily actions are in line with often complex standards.

This Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct is a core component of EDF Renewables' compliance programme, alongside:

- → the EDF Group ethics Charter, which reflects the Group's common values of Respect, Solidarity and Responsibility;
- the EDF Group Ethics and Compliance Policy (GECP), which determines the actions that the Group implements in this area.



As the EDF Renewables' Management Committee, we wanted this Code to be wide-ranging and to de-scribe different types of situations and behaviours that present ethical risks. It aims to help us, individually and collectively, to gain a better understanding of these situations with varied challenges, to discern what can be done and what must absolutely not be done, and to discuss, where appropriate, the complex or ambiguous situations that we may come across in our business with honesty and common sense.

This Code therefore aims to help us safeguard the integrity and consequently the good reputation of our company. It complements our system by specifying the proper behaviour to adopt in a high-risk situation and by encouraging analysis, dialogue and judgement in case of doubt.

Any employee who observes non-compliance with our Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct is able to alert their line managers or their local Ethics and Compliance officer (ECO), or to contact the EDF Group Ethics and Compliance Division via the Group's whistleblowing system available on the EDF website.

I am counting on each and every one of you to make it your own and implement it. Respect for our values, the protection of EDF Renewables and its employees and the trust that stakeholders place in us depend on this.

# **Our commitments**



## Respect laws and regulations

The EDF Group's and EDF Renewables' reputation for integrity is founded on compliance with current national and international laws and regulations. EDF Renewables and its Personnel Members undertake to comply in all circumstances with applicable laws and regulations in all countries where EDF Renewables operates.

In this context, it is the personal responsibility of each EDF Renewables Personnel Member to know the laws, regulations and obligations related to their tasks and follow them scrupulously. Any activity liable to involve the EDF Group or EDF Renewables in an illegal practice is strictly prohibited.

# Respect the EDF Group Policies

The EDF Group and EDF Renewables have implemented Policies, including the Group Ethics and Compliance Policy, instruction memos, support guides and other specific procedures and instructions of the business lines/sectors that govern their Personnel Members' daily work. Everyone must follow the rules in these Policies at all times.

## **PENALTIES**

In the event of failure to follow the required rules and to prevent the prohibited actions defined in the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct, Personnel Members may be subject to disciplinary proceedings, in accordance with the provisions applicable within the company.

Furthermore, they, as well as EDF Renewables, may be subject to civil and/or criminal proceedings if they breach these rules.

# Respect international commitments

The EDF Group has been a member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2001. The Global Compact brings together a large number of companies around the world, which undertake to respect ten principles concerning human rights, labour, the environment and the fight against corruption. Through its membership, the EDF Group is committed to making progress in applying these principles and must provide proof of the progress made every year.

EDF Renewables and its Personnel Members undertake to respect the fundamental principles and rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the International Labour Organisation Conventions, the OECD Guiding Principles and the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

# **Respect the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct**

The day-to-day application of these laws, regulations, international commitments and Policies of the EDF Group and EDF Renewables requires them to be translated into more concrete and more precise terms in an Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct. This document is the reference or all of our Personnel Members in terms of preventing corruption and influence peddling.

The Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct lists the definitions and challenges, the golden rule to know and respect, the rules to follow and the actions to prohibit. It also proposes guidelines for identifying high-risk situations, as well as recommendations for mitigating them. It is our responsibility to comply with this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct in all circumstances.

# Who is this Code for?

The Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct is the reference document for preventing corruption and influence peddling in particular. It applies to all employees, work-study trainees, interns, managers, directors and corporate officers of EDF Renewables ("Personnel Members").

All entities controlled within the scope of EDF Renewables are requested to enforce this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct. In the entities for which EDF Renewables has joint control or holds a minority stake, this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct will be presented so that all or part of its provisions, or similar principles, are implemented and respected.

In France, the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct is incorporated into the internal regulations of EDF Renewables and its subsidiaries. Account will of course be taken of the specific requirements and regulations of the countries in which they are established.

# **Role and responsibility** of the Personnel Member

As an EDF Renewables Personnel Member, you must adopt an ethical conduct that complies with laws and regulations. You are required to:

- → learn about the topics covered in the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct and follow the associated recommendations:
- ➔ perform your assignments with fairness and integrity;
- → contact your line management, your entity Ethics and Compliance officer (ECO), the EDF Renewables Ethics → set an example in terms of integrity through your words and Compliance officer or the EDF Group Ethics and and actions; Compliance Division if you have a question about this → promote to Personnel Members the importance of Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct or to obtain a integrity and compliance with laws in their work; more precise explanation of the rules to follow. → ensure that your Personnel Members know and

You may, if you wish, report any breach of this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct using the whistleblowing system, described in the section "How do I raise an alert?"





# Role and responsibility of the directors and managers

A culture of ethics and compliance with laws and our values requires exemplary conduct by line management.

As such, in addition to your role as a Personnel Member, your commitment as a director and manager to set an example and strictly adhere to the rules of conduct, while ensuring that these rules are clear and transparent for your Personnel Members, is essential. You are therefore required to:

- understand the rules set out in this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct by taking the time to explain them regularly;
- → ensure that compliance with legal and regulatory provisions is continuously monitored;
- → encourage your Personnel Members' behaviour when they act with integrity;
- → create a climate of trust in which everyone can address or report an ethics or non-compliance problem;
- → be vigilant in order to prevent, detect and handle any breach of the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct in a timely and appropriate manner;
- raise awareness about the whistleblowing system within your team and protect any person using the system.

# How should this Code be used?



This document has been designed to guide you on how to behave when faced with a situation in which you are not sure of the attitude to adopt and in which you need to consider the implications of your actions.

Each thematic sheet is designed in the same way. Each section includes:

- ➔ firstly, the definitions of the terms used in the sheet, a description of the stakes for the company and Personnel Members, a golden rule that represents the main principle to remember from the theme;
- → secondly, the rules to follow by identifying the categories of Personnel Members to whom these rules apply, prohibited behaviours, illustrations of high-risk situations, a list of the right habits to adopt and links to additional educational materials.

The Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct is applied and implemented in all EDF Renewables entities, in compliance with the applicable regulations. In France, it is incorporated into the internal regulations, although only the rules to follow and the prohibited behaviours are considered internal regulations.

# If this Code of conduct does not contain the answer to the situation, ask yourself the following questions:

- ➔ Are my actions aligned with the EDF Renewables values and rules?
- ➔ Do my actions comply with the rules set out in this Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct?
- → Could I justify my actions to my line manager?
- → Would I be comfortable if my actions were made public internally and externally?

If the answer to any of the above questions is "no" or if you are in any doubt, the right reaction should be to consult people who can explain and assist you and discuss it with them openly before action:

- ➔ direct or indirect managers
- ➔ the Ethics and Compliance officer (ECO) of your entity or of EDF Renewables
- → the Group Ethics and Compliance Division (DECG) at sq-decq-ethique-et-conformite@edf.fr
- → staff representatives.

### **LEARN MORE...**

To learn about all of the requirements to follow within the EDF Group and EDF Renewables in areas not related to corruption and not covered in this Code of conduct, refer to the EDF Group Policies, including the Group Ethics and Compliance Policy and the EDF Renewables Policies, which present in detail the requirements in each area. These Policies serve as a set of operating rules and are available on Vivre EDF online and the EDF Renewables intranet.

Personnel Members can also visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or the EDF Renewables intranet, where they will find a range of educational content, the Group Ethics and Compliance Policy, the Group's ethics Charter, awareness videos, etc.

# How do I raise an alert?

The EDF Group has implemented an Ethics and Compliance whistleblowing system to report any breach of the rules of the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct. This system supplements other existing reporting "channels" within EDF Renewables (line management, Ethics and Compliance Officers, etc.), which the whistleblower is free to choose. Reporting is not an obligation and is merely an option.

# Who can use the EDF Group whistleblowing system?

Any EDF Renewables Personnel Member or external or occasional service provider may use the whistleblowing system. If whistleblowers wish, an employee representative can assist them with this process.

The following conditions must be met in order to be a whistleblower:

- ➔ be an individual, entities are excluded from the system;
- → be an EDF Renewables Personnel Member or external or occasional service provider;
- ➔ report being subject to events as a victim or being a direct and selfless witness;
- ➔ act in good faith and report malicious facts, and have reasonable grounds to believe in their veracity when the facts are reported.

The whistleblowing system can also be used by people outside the company, but only on certain topics.

No document can account for or address all situations that may arise. Therefore, Personnel Members must use their common sense and discernment when defining what appropriate and honest conduct is.



# What events can be reported in the EDF Group whistleblowing system?

Any Personnel Member or external or occasional service provider may use the alert system to report events that they believe constitute one of the following cases:

- → a breach of the rules of the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct;
- → a crime or offence:
- → a serious and obvious violation of a law or regulation, an international commitment ratified or approved by France, a unilateral act of an international organisation based on such a commitment:
- ➔ a threat or serious harm to the public interest. All facts, information or documents covered by the secrecy of national defence, medical secrecy and the confidentiality of the lawyer/client relationship are excluded from the scope of whistleblowing.

Third parties may also use the whistleblowing system, but only to report any risk of a serious breach of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the environment, health and safety, as a result of the EDF Group's activities.

<sup>➔</sup> Are my actions legal?

# How do I raise an alert?



# **Respect for confidentiality and** protection of the whistleblower

The whistleblowing system guarantees the strict confidentiality of the reported facts, as well as the personal data of the whistleblower and of the person(s) implicated or mentioned in the alert. This information is therefore only accessible to managers and experts (HR, Legal, IT, etc.) responsible for processing the alert under the confidentiality conditions required by the legislation in force.

This confidentiality applies without prejudice to the possibility for EDF Renewables to implement disciplinary and/or litigation proceedings relating to the reported facts, as soon as the investigations carried out as part of the processing of the alert enable them to be established. Testimonials of witnesses and/or victims are used in the context of these proceedings in accordance with the requirements of the legislation in force. The applicable rules regarding confidentiality are detailed in the Employee or Personnel Member Alert Support Guide which can be viewed on the EDF Renewables intranet or in the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online.

The EDF Group's whistleblowing system guarantees protection against any retaliation or discriminatory measures, to any whistleblower who meets the conditions described above and stated in the support guide mentioned above.

# Procedure for reporting in the EDF Group's whistleblowing system

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The alert can be entered in the EDF Group's whistleblowing system using a form available on a dedicated external plat-form accessible from the EDF website (www.edf.fr) and completely disconnected from the EDF and EDF Renewables information systems. Once the alert has been recorded in the system, the DECG is informed and the whistleblower receives acknowledgement of receipt within 72 hours in a secure inbox within the platform.

Each alert is subject to an admissibility review by the DECG to determine, before the investigation begins, whether all criteria concerning the whistleblower and the reported facts are met:

- → If the alert is admissible, The DEGC notifies the whistleblower and gives him/ her the name of the person who was selected to process the alert. The DECG ensures that the person chosen to handle the alert is not in a potential conflict of interest situation and has the skills and means necessary to conduct this process. The designated person responsible for processing signs a specific confidentiality agreement before accessing the data of the report. They have a maximum period of three months to proceed with the investigation. This deadline may be extended if necessary. The DECG monitors the progress of the investigation, regardless of the designated person responsible for processing.
- → If the alert is not admissible, the person who issued it is notified, the file is closed and the data is deleted from the system as soon as possible. The whistleblower can be redirected to appropriate contacts to manage the reported situation outside the whistleblowing system.

All of the elements collected during the investigation phase are kept securely on the platform. At the end of the investigation, an investigation report is written by the person responsible for processing, who reaches a conclusion on the veracity of the reported facts and recommends an action plan. The whistleblower is informed of the result of the processing and the closure of their report. Once the alert has been closed, the file is archived after the personal data are anonymised.

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# **Prevention of** corruption and influence peddling



No Personnel Member may directly or indirectly carry out, promote or authorise any act of corruption or influence peddling. Personnel Members will not be penalised if they follow EDF Renewables' rules by rejecting any form of corruption, even if such a decision may lead to the loss of a contract or any other unfavourable commercial consequence.





# **DEFINITIONS**

### Corruption is:

- the act of promising, giving or offering (active corruption) to a third party, but also the act of soliciting or receiving (passive corruption) from a third party,
- ➔ directly or through another person, an improper advantage,
- ➔ for yourself or for others,
- → to facilitate, perform or refrain from performing an act.

Corruptive intent is decisive, although simply yielding to solicitations or threats is also an act of passive corruption. Improper advantage refers to consideration, regardless of its nature, awarded in violation of legal, contractual or professional obligations. This can be the payment of a bribe or kickback, a gift, fraud, a favour, misappropriation of funds. etc.

Influence peddling is considered corruption under French law. The difference is that influence peddling requires the presence of an intermediary, between the potential beneficiary and the public authority, that uses its influence to obtain or attempt to obtain the desired decision (awards, jobs, tenders or any other favourable decision).



The criminal penalties applicable in the event of corruption or influence peddling may be severe for the Personnel Member in question and for the company. In France, corruption and influence peddling are subject to the same sentences, namely a maximum of ten years' imprisonment and a fine of up to €1 million for individuals. Penalties may also apply to accomplices of bribery and attempted bribery. Attempted corruption or influence peddling may constitute an offence and failure to obtain the desired decision does not rule out the risk of conviction.

In addition, some foreign corruption laws have an extraterritorial scope, including US law (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FCPA) and British law (UK Bribery Act 2010, UKBA). Extra-territorial jurisdiction is based on sometimes tenuous links with the US or the UK (use of the dollar, for example). In the past, European and French companies, in particular, have received heavy fines under these laws.

In addition to fines, prison sentences and legal costs, the financial impact for EDF Renewables and the EDF Group can be significantly increased by damage to reputation, loss of contracts, exclusion from public tenders, a fall in the share price, an order to pay damages and interest, etc.

# **Rules that apply** to everyone

#### All Personnel Members must:

- → Act cautiously and transparently (subject to business secrecy), in accordance with the duty of loyalty.
- Respect EDF Renewables' guidelines on gifts and hospitality.
- ➔ Refuse payment in cash or any sum of money that is not justified and untraced.
- ➔ Immediately inform their line manager or the EDF Renewables Ethics and Compliance officer in the event of attempted corruption or influence peddling.
- ➔ Cooperate with all of the supervisory and regulatory authorities, involving their manager.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- ➔ Carry out or have carried out, when provided for in the EDF Renewables procedure, a compliance check before any commitment.
- → Monitor the integrity of the relationship throughout the term of the contract, in accordance with the EDF Renewables procedure.
- → Comply with public procurement rules as a purchaser or supplier. → Ensure that suppliers are treated fairly and equitably in accordance with
- the EDF Renewables purchasing policy.
- → Inform business relations of our standards so that they undertake to comply with them, particularly when the intention is for them to assist EDF Renewables or represent it in countries where the risk of corruption and influence peddling is high.
- ➔ Comply with the separation of duties relating to commitment, control and payment and guarantee the traceability of payments.

# Prohibitions that apply to everyone

### It is prohibited to:

- → Offer, accept or promise a bribe, or any other advantage or unlawful payment, to influence the outcome of a business decision.
- → Make a facilitation payment, in other words an unofficial payment, in order to execute or accelerate certain administrative formalities (licence applications, customs clearance, etc.).
- ➔ Undertake to pay or make donations to a foundation or association for corruption purposes.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the "Preventing corruption" awareness video, anti-corruption e-learning courses, etc.

- ➔ The use of intermediaries or consultants to facilitate relationships with clients or public persons.
- → Contractual relations with public entities or politically exposed persons.
- Lack of information about the partner.
- → Requests to take action to speed up administrative procedures or win a contract.
- ➔ Tender process periods.
- → Carrying out a project in a country classified at risk of corruption.
- → Pressure to use a particular service provider.
- ➔ A request for commissions/fees/ provisions of a high amount compared to market practices, with no objective reason
- → Any situation in which the employee of an external company or the public official gives the impression of acting alone, outside the structure/ organisation to which they belong.



- → Plan ahead to avoid reaching a "stalemate", in which a refusal would create a real danger or threat, whether physical or financial. To this end, inform partners about EDF Renewables' values and rules as early as possible.
- ➔ Ensure that rebates and discounts are stated on the corresponding invoices.
- ➔ Be able to justify any payment at all times.
- → As a precaution, do not accept or offer a gift/hospitality that would be difficult to justify to colleagues, close relatives or the media.
- Carefully consider the situation when presented with an unusual request or unusually complex channels.
- → If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# Integrity checks on business relations



The reputation of EDF Renewables can be significantly affected by the partners selected for business relationships.





Integrity checks therefore include verifying partners' repute by assessing their intrinsic quality (criminal record, penalties, reputation, etc.) and verifying the integrity of the business relationship by assessing the associated legal, economic and material conditions (organisation of the partner, contract, legal and financial structure, payment terms, etc.).

A partner is understood to mean any individual or entity that has a contractual relationship with EDF Renewables, such as an organisation receiving donations or sponsorship, a project partner, an intermediary or supplier, and under certain conditions a customer.



The purpose of an integrity check is to protect EDF Renewables against the risks of penalties or reputational risk stemming from the implementation of risky practices in terms of corruption, money laundering and terrorism financing, violation of an international sanctions programme and risks of a serious infringement of human rights, fundamental freedoms, the health and safety of persons and the environment, within the framework of business relations.

Reputational risk is linked to the possibility that such practices, conducted during our business relations, may harm the image of EDF Renewables or the EDF Group or lead to a loss of public and media confidence.

The consequences of a penalty and/or reputational damage can be significant: financial losses, weakening of brand value, loss of customers, fall in the share price, failure to achieve strategic objectives, loss of trust among customers and partners, etc.

# **Rules that apply** to everyone

### All Personnel Members must:

→ Immediately inform their line managers if, in the context of business relations, they are facing with high-risk practices of corruption, money laundering and terrorism financing, the violation of an international sanctions programme and risks of a serious breach of human rights, fundamental freedoms, human health and safety, and the environment.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- ➔ Implement the integrity checks procedure of EDF Renewables' business relations before any commitment is made.
- → Ensure that the use of a partner meets a need for skills or resources not available in EDF Renewables and is the subject of a defined, clearly formalised and time-limited assignment, in exchange for justified and proportionate remuneration.
- → Insert a clause in each contract with a partner, giving EDF Renewables the right to break the business relationship, immediately and without compensation, in the event of non-compliance by the partner with the integrity rules and/or the applicable regulations on corruption, influence peddling and compliance with international sanctions programmes.
- Implement a monitoring and alert system throughout the relationship with the partner to detect any behaviour contrary to the applicable regulations and respond appropriately to any factor that prompts suspicion of such behaviour.

# **Prohibitions imposed on the** concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- → Continue working with a supplier that does not comply with the EDF Group's integrity rules.
- → Use intermediaries unnecessarily or without explanation.
- → Disguise the purpose of the business relationship to conceal the use of an intermediary and therefore avoid the level of integrity check required.
- → Remunerate a business relationship without validating the reality of the service and without an invoice being issued.
- ➔ Engage with a partner without soliciting the EDF Renewables Ethics & Compliance officer, to ensure a thorough integrity check in the event of serious doubt as to the honesty of the business relationship.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the «Preventing corruption» awareness video, anti-corruption e-learnings, etc.

- ➔ The use of intermediaries, regardless of their name (consultant, advice, intermediary, developer, etc.).
- → Awarding contracts identified as posing a certain level of risk (security and cleaning of sensitive sites, translation of sensitive documents. IT and telephony providing access to sensitive information, etc.).
- → OTC purchases.
- → Complex schemes including a successive list of subcontractors.
- Mergers and acquisitions.
- ➔ Developing projects in non-cooperative countries at risk of money laundering and terrorism financing, or with a high corruption index.
- → A partner's refusal to sign the declaration of compliance before entering into a business relationship.
- Requests by a partner to use an annex to define the terms of remuneration and payment, refusing to include these in the contracts and other documents formally concluded between the parties.



- → Inform your business relations of EDF Renewables' values and rules in terms of integrity as early as possible.
- → Ask the ECO to carry out an integrity check when this is specified in the EDF Renewables instruction memo.
- ➔ Avoid using a successive list of intermediaries.
- → Don't hesitate to request explanations and supporting documents from partners in order to gain a proper understanding of the situation.
- ➔ Favour the use of framework contracts.
- → Know the procurement contracting process.
- → If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# **Gifts** and hospitality



In terms of gifts and hospitality, the most important thing is to be completely transparent with line management, to respect the threshold and rules put in place in your entity and to always consider how this could be perceived or interpreted from the outside.



A gift involves any form of payment, bonus or advantage (financial or non-monetary), offered or received directly or indirectly (e.g. donation, service, invitation, favour, etc.).

Hospitality covers all forms of entertainment and differs from business meals.

A business meal is a meal arranged for business purposes and intended to address business matters.

Gifts subject to conditions are payments, gifts, invitations or any other form of bonuses granted or received in order to obtain or retain improper mutual benefits, or to improperly remunerate subscription to an offer, product, service or solution.



Occasionally offering or accepting small gifts or invitations to cultural or sporting events may be tolerated as part of a business relationship. However, these practices may sometimes be interpreted as a means of influencing a decision or constituting an act of corruption. They can also lead to a conflict of interest situation.

Certain situations may incur the liability of Personnel Members as well as of EDF Renewables. To preserve its reputation and protect its Personnel Members, EDF Renewables must guard itself against both attempted corruption and any suspicion of corruption. A gifts and hospitality management Policy has therefore been defined and can be viewed on the EDF Renewables intranet.

# **Rules that apply** to everyone

### All Personnel Members must:

- ➔ Comply with the rules defined in the EDF Renewables "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy (available on the EDF Renewables intranet).
- ➔ Comply with the rules and the threshold defined by EDF Renewables for gifts and hospitality.
- → Verify the reasonableness of a business meal before accepting or proposing it.
- ➔ Check that prior authorisations have been obtained where required, particularly for gifts or hospitality of an amount exceeding the threshold defined in the EDF Renewables "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy.
- ➔ Be attentive to the context and the meaning that a gift or hospitality may infer. This must not indicate any expectation of a consideration.
- → Ascertain the local legality of offering gifts or other benefits to public officials.
- → Record the gift or hospitality (excluding business meals), received, offered or refused, in the dedicated register, according to the rules defined by EDF Renewables.

# Prohibitions that apply to everyone

### It is prohibited to:

- ➔ Offer or receive a gift or hospitality to obtain an improper advantage.
- ➔ Offer or receive a gift or hospitality that could create a sense of obligation, compromise professional judgement or give the impression that it could do so.
- ➔ Give in to a request or solicit consideration for a gift or hospitality.
- → Violate the prohibitions mentioned in the EDF Renewables "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the "Gifts and Hospitality" support guide, the "Gifts and Hospitality" awareness video, e-learning anticorruption courses, etc.

## **HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS**

- → Gifts/hospitality of a value exceeding the threshold set by EDF Renewables, or a business meal exceeding a reasonable price.
- ➔ Gifts/hospitality offered to (or received) from) a public person or a person with influence over a decision affecting EDF Renewables' interests.
- ➔ Gifts/hospitality offered to (or received) from) a person close to the business relationship.
- ➔ Gifts/hospitality offered to (or received) from) the same beneficiary several times.
- Invitations to seminars in which leisure time significantly exceeds working time.
- ➔ Election periods.
- ➔ Tender and contract renewal periods.

- ➔ Before offering or receiving a gift or hospitality, check:
- that this is a practice authorised by the EDF Renewables "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy,
- that all of the guiding principles have been followed.
- that prior authorisations have been obtained, where required,
- that the gift or hospitality is recorded in the dedicated register according to the rules defined by EDF Renewables.
- ➔ As a precaution, do not accept or offer a gift or hospitality that would be difficult to justify to colleagues, close relatives or the media.
- → If possible, share the gift with the team.
- → Inform partners about the Group Ethics and Compliance Policy and the EDF Renewables "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy to justify a refusal.
- ➔ If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# **Prevention of conflicts** of interest



It is important to notify line management about any potential conflict of interest as soon as possible so that it can be managed and to always make decisions, within a business context, based on EDF Renewables' interests rather than on personal interests



A conflict of interest arises when a personal interest (or personal activity) interferes with, is likely to interfere with or may give the impression of interfering with the tasks entrusted to us as Personnel Members. Conflicts of interest can affect our impartiality or cast doubt on our ability to assume our responsibilities objectively.

These personal interests may result from financial or business commitments, or political or ideological links that the Personnel Member has outside EDF Renewables. Interests may be of an association, charitable, cultural, financial, political, religious or sporting nature or result from family or sentimental ties.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies. the "Conflicts of Interest" awareness video, the "Conflicts of Interest" support guide, the subsidiary governance and steering guide, e-learning courses, etc.



The conflict of interest, or the mere appearance of a conflict of interest, may compromise the quality and legality of a decision or act, by giving priority to the private interest of a Personnel Member or a third party, to the detriment of EDF Renewables' interest. Identifying, declaring and dealing with real or potential conflict of interest situations prevents anv ambiquity.

A conflict of interest does not in itself constitute an offence. However, fraudulent use that could result from such a situation can be penalised. This can result in an act of corruption (e.g. a gift or hospitality from a supplier with whom we have friendship ties in re-turn for an act that would enable it to win a contract), circumventing the entity's recruitment rules (e.g. to influence the hiring of a family member or friend), insider trading (e.g. giving inside information to a friend so that they buy shares), breach of trust (e.g. illegitimately using the means, time or reputation of EDF Renewables or the EDF Group to benefit an association), etc.

Conflict of interest situations can lead to a financial risk and harm the image of EDF Renewables or the EDF Group. They are likely to incur the liability of Personnel Members or third parties acting for EDF Renewables. They expose the persons concerned to legal penalties and EDF Renewables, and indeed the EDF Group, to a significant reputational risk.

# **Rules that apply** to everyone

#### All Personnel Members must:

- ➔ Inform their line managers if business activities to which they are linked are liable to create a conflict of interest.
- → Inform their line managers and the HR department when they perform other salaried or unsalaried business activities (e.g. on a self-employed basis, in a liberal profession, as a consultant).
- ➔ Comply with the obligations of loyalty, non-competition and discretion inherent in the employment contract.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties»

### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- ➔ Comply with the Governance and Management Policy of subsidiaries if they hold a corporate officer position within the EDF Group.
- Clearly state that they do not represent EDF Renewables or the EDF Group when they personally engage in the political sphere. In practice, this amounts to not presenting themselves as an EDF Renewables Personnel Member during a speech and stating, if necessary, that they are not appearing in this capacity.
- → Withdraw from a decision procedure external to EDF Renewables if they hold an elective mandate, if presented with a proven or potential conflict of interest situation. For example:
  - Leave the place where the deliberations of collegial bodies (such as a municipal council) take place when they concern a case connected with EDF Renewables,
  - Do not participate in a meeting which purpose is, for example, to draw up specifications for a contract for which EDF Renewables could submit a bid.

# Prohibitions that apply to everyone

### It is prohibited to:

- → Share confidential information about EDF Renewables or the EDF Group with unauthorised third parties.
- ➔ Encourage or contribute to encouraging the hiring, evaluation of the work or remuneration of a family member.
- → Make non-compliant use of EDF Renewables' influence and resources.
- → Favour or contribute to favouring, for a contract, an entity in which the Personnel Member or one of his/her family members has an interest.
- → Use, for personal contracts, companies with which the Personnel Member is in business relations as part of his/her work-related activities, where they could receive any personal benefit.
- → Carry out or participate in an activity competing with that of EDF Renewables. An activity is considered to be competing when it is liable to create either a particular advantage for the benefit of the new employer or the new company, or damage to EDF Renewables.
- Carry out an activity, for whatever reason, on behalf of a service provider (in the context of an employment contract, as a manager, as a selfemployed person, etc.) or check whether the Personnel Member, as part of their role, affects the choice of the service provider.

# **HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS**

- → Concurrently holding several salaried positions.
- ➔ Holding directly or through a close relative any interest in a company engaged in a business relationship with EDF Renewables.
- Holding an elective mandate: for example, when the cases submitted to the deliberating body of which they are an elected member are connected with their personal or business interests within EDF Renewables, the local elected official must not participate in the debate or vote.
- ➔ Being a member (even on a volunteer basis) of an association or foundation which activities or projects may in some cases conflict with those of EDF Renewables. In this situation. Personnel Members are advised to remind the association of their duty of loyalty to their employer and to refrain from disclosing any restricted or confidential information about EDF Renewables or the EDF Group or its activities. The Personnel Member should also check that any action in which they wish to participate are compatible with their employment contract.

- → Apply a transparent and objective recruitment procedure.
- Do not use EDF Renewables' resources, name, time or structures for personal purposes.
- ➔ Inform your line management when you directly or indirectly hold a stake in the capital of a company or any other entity (e.g. an association) partnered with EDF Renewables that may suggest that its impartiality could be affected.
- Obtain information by reading:
- the conflicts of interest guide and the numerous practical examples provided for illustration purposes, the guide for elected employees.
- → If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# Fraud prevention

Each Personnel Member must comply with the laws and internal procedures, contribute to the implementation of rigorous practices and apply them, detect and deal with failings.





# **DEFINITIONS**

Fraud consists of deliberately misleading others to obtain an illegitimate profit or to circumvent legal obligations or rules of the organisation. Fraudulent behaviour therefore involves a factual element and an intentional element, as well as a process of concealing unauthorised acts.

In practice, fraud may be an act or omission. This can take a variety of forms:

- → internally misappropriation of funds (false invoices, handling of cheques or cash, etc.), theft or destruction of property belonging to the entity (supplies, equipment, data, etc.), or false declarations (fictitious expense claims, undeclared absences, indicators, falsified reports or checks. etc.):
- → externally fraud (CEO fraud, bank account identification change fraud, etc.).

The motive for the fraud can be material (appropriation, gains or savings, etc.), but also moral (feeling of obligation, need for recognition, desire to preserve a reputation, etc.) or personal (vengeance, ideology, etc.).

It should be noted that corruption always involves fraudulent practices to circumvent company rules or procedures



Combating fraud is an imperative: fraud is expensive and harms the interests and image of EDF Renewables and the EDF Group. Fraud may manifest in different forms, impact of all organisations and business sectors and concern all hierarchical levels.

Fraudulent acts are punished by law in the form of specific offences: theft, scams, misappropriation of funds, extortion, corruption, misuse of company assets, breach of trust, forgery and the use of forgeries, concealed evidence or income, etc. These offences are punished by fines and/or prison sentences.

Promoting a culture of integrity at all levels of the company (clear managerial messages about the behaviour expected of Personnel Members and the company's zero tolerance) and implementing effective procedures for controlling fraud risks (internal, hierarchical, external) help to eliminate opportunities to commit fraud.

# **Rules that apply** to everyone

### All Personnel Members must:

- Comply with all internal procedures.
- Raise awareness among their colleagues about the risks of fraud, specifying the rules to follow, as well as every individual's rights and duties.
- ➔ Follow the security rules on access to information systems and never provide their login details to third parties.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- ➔ Identify the issues and assets that are fraud-sensitive within the entity's activities in order to implement effective internal control procedures.
- ➔ Periodically check the adequacy of the internal control system.

# **Prohibitions that apply** to everyone

### It is prohibited to:

- → Allow a risky situation, through negligence, to degenerate into fraud.
- → Circumvent a procedure because "other people do it".
- → Give personal computer usernames and passwords to other people.

### **Prohibitions imposed on the** • • **concerned Personnel Members** as part of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- → Fail to a treat or correct a failure.
- Investigate suspected fraud alone and without the support of an expert.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the "Combating Fraud" procedure, the EDF Group's Combating Fraud support guide, e-learning courses, etc.

### **HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS**

- → The entity goes through a period of reorganisation with an absence or lack of hierarchical control.
- ➔ A work colleague takes very little or no leave at all.
- → During the holiday period, the segregation of duties between incompatible activities is bypassed (the usual validator is absent).
- ➔ Creation of activities within an entity that has not organised its delegation of authority or control process.
- ➔ The Information System access codes are shared by several people (no security around passwords).
- → Repeated emergency situations that lead to internal control being bypassed in order to meet deadlines.
- → Complex and/or unusual operations which execution relies on a small number of individuals.

- ➔ Maintain a culture of integrity to prevent fraudulent behaviour (encourage honesty and discernment).
- ➔ If we are asked to act outside the usual internal processes, seek the opinion of your manager or ECO.
- ➔ If suspicious practices deviating from the rules are identified, quickly speak to your management or contact your ECO.
- → If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# **Donations** sponsorship



No Personnel Member may encourage or carry out donations or sponsorship operations that aim to influence decision-making or secure an improper advantage.



Donations involve material support provided by a company (donor), without any direct consideration from the beneficiary, to a structure or person for conducting publicinterest activities. The support provided can be carried out in various ways:

- Donations in cash: a patron donates money to a project (the most common example).
- → The patron pays in kind: this involves, for example, donating new or inventoried equipment (e.g. a premises, a computer, etc.).
- → Skills donations: the company provides an employee or their skills for a specific action.

The donations initiative may allow the company to reduce their taxes if the beneficiary is a public-interest organisation or a public-interest structure.

Sponsorship involves providing material or financial support to a project or event to obtain a direct and quantifiable benefit proportional to the support provided. This is usually designed to promote the brand image of EDF Renewables or of the EDF Group and increase their notoriety.

When the beneficiary offers a consideration of equivalent value to the amounts received, the payment is considered as compensation for a provision of service (usually advertising), rather than as a gift. If this equivalent consideration takes the form of an advertising service for the receiving company, it is a sponsorship operation. Considered as a commercial service, it must be invoiced subject to VAT.

Charitable donation and sponsorship initiatives are authorised in accordance with the Group Policy "Communications, Institutional Relations, Partnerships". Attention must be paid to ensure that these initiatives are not used to conceal practices that may be qualified as corruption or influence peddling (even if the cause supported by the associations is fair or legitimate).

**STAKES** 

Sponsorship operations with partners can damage the image of EDF Renewables and of the EDF Group. Firstly, it is important to ensure the reliability, reputation and history of the organisation receiving the donations and of its managers and secondly, to ensure the destination of the funds paid by the company.

This verification must be carried out in accordance with the EDF Renewables "Compliance check procedure".

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must

- → Before carrying out a sponsorship or sponsorship initiative, ensure that these actions are carried out in compliance with the "Communication -Institutional Relations - Partnerships" Policy, which in particular governs the areas of application, the principles of action and the eligible partnership themes.
- ➔ Ensure that the donation or sponsorship initiative:
- is not concluded in the presence of a conflict of interest promoting personal or non-business interests,
- does not favour influencing operations,
- · does not constitute an improper advantage.
- ➔ Verify the integrity of beneficiaries (organisation and individuals comprising) the decision-making bodies), in accordance with the EDF Renewables "Compliance check" Policy.
- ➔ Transparently manage invitations to and considerations for a sponsored event, exclusive of all illegal practices.
- ➔ Include in the agreement specific clauses guaranteeing the absence of any risk of breach of probity.
- → Inform partners of the integrity Policy included in the Ethics and Compliance Code of conduct.

# Prohibitions imposed on the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- Undertake to pay a donation or enter into a sponsorship operation with a third party in order to encourage the award of a contract, in exchange for consideration or to influence a decision.
- Carry out a donation or sponsorship operation in an invitation to tender context, as part of a commercial or financial negotiation involving persons who have links with the beneficiary of the donation or sponsorship.
- Make charitable donation on behalf of the company in the form of cash or to an account held by an individual.
- → Make donation on behalf of the company to political, religious or philosophical organisations, public officials, elected officials or election candidates.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: the Group Ethics and Compliance Policy, the "Communication - Institutional Relations - Partnerships" Policy, "Check on the Integrity of Business Relations" procedure, the "Gifts and Hospitality" support guide, the "Gifts and Hospitality" awareness video, the "Conflicts of Interest" guide, e-learning courses, etc.

- ➔ Negotiating a donation or sponsorship agreement at the request of a local elected official or a public official.
- → Charitable donations made to organisations linked to public officials, clients or prospects (e.g. directors of such organisations), as well as requests or suggestions concerning charitable donations from customers or prospects.
- Donations to foundations or associations in which one of the directors is also one of the Personnel Member's close relatives, a supplier or an EDF Renewables or EDF partner.
- Make donation where there is suspicion about the integrity of the recipient organisation or its staff.
- Multi-year agreements.
- → Invitations to sports or cultural events from customers or suppliers.
- → Invitations that may interfere in an ongoing or prospective business relationship.
- ➔ Invitations sent to a third party to events without any EDF Renewables Personnel Member present among the quests.



- → Limit the term of the agreement to one year or include in the agreement a non-tacit termination or renewal clause.
- Raise awareness among Personnel Members exposed and direct them to comply with the company's gifts and hospitality Policy, as well as the conflicts of interest Policy.
- Ensure that hospitality invitations are registered, sent to the workplace, of an amount proportional to the event, the place and the position of the guest, and of a transparent value communicated to the guest.
- ➔ Ensure that hospitality complies with the "Gifts and Hospitality" Policy and suggest that the quest verify their own Policy prior to accepting.
- If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager. the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# Lobbying

Lobbying actions must be carried out transparently. This entails clearly informing your contacts of your affiliation with the EDF Group and using reliable, verified and current information.



# DEFINITIONS

Interest representation (or lobbying) involves communicating with a public official (elected official or civil servant) to influence the content of a public decision liable to impact the company's activities.

When a person paid by EDF Renewables directly (Personnel Members) or indirectly (consultant, professional association, think tank, etc.) comes into contact either in writing or verbally with a public official with a view to convincing that individual, he or she is performing a lobbying action. Responsible lobbying is carried out:

- → Transparently, by systematically identifying oneself and registering on the institutions' existing representative of interest registers.
- → On the basis of reliable, verified and updated information.
- → And in compliance with the positions of other stakeholders.

**STAKES** Lobbying is the subject of recurring criticism in the media,

which reflects the mistrust among a part of the public and can undermine the credibility of the principle of this lobbying. Failure to comply, intentionally or otherwise, with the fundamental principles of responsible lobbying creates the risk of at least a significant negative image among both public opinion and public officials, reducing for a long time any ability to assert legitimate positions.

When diverted, lobbying can lead to prohibited forms of influence (corruption, illegal interest, etc.), exposing the company and the Personnel Member to criminal convictions, as well as disciplinary measures for the Personnel Member. Conversely, lobbying under responsible and transparent conditions promotes effective public decision-making.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- → Comply with the international laws, regulations and conventions governing lobbying in the country in which it is carried out.
- Clearly identify themselves as EDF Renewables Personnel Members during any involvement and more generally during any lobbying action.
- ➔ Follow the codes of ethics of the institutions at which lobbying actions are aimed.
- ➔ Stick to holding positions that are aligned with EDF Renewables' strategic framework.
- ➔ Identify themselves, via EDF Renewables:
- to the EDF Public Affairs Division when they carry out interest representation actions among public officials with national jurisdiction,
- to the EDF European Affairs Division when they carry out lobbying actions aimed at European institutions.

# **Prohibitions imposed on the** concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### It is prohibited to:

- ➔ Attempt to influence the position of public officials by offering them undue advantages or compelling them to infringe on the ethical rules of their organisation.
- → Use information obtained from public officials for commercial or advertising purposes.
- → Attempt to obtain information or influence decisions dishonestly.
- Deceive or mislead stakeholders or public officials.
- ➔ Use the services of a third party paid directly or indirectly with a view to achieving a dishonest, non-updated or incomplete position.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the "Preventing corruption" awareness video, anti-corruption e-learning courses, etc.



### **HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS**

- → An offer or a request for funding in one form or another to, or by, a public official.
- → Speaking on behalf of a professional association of which EDF Renewables is a member and having to assume a position that deviates from EDF Renewables' position.
- ➔ A conflict of interest situation that may result from the exercise of a local or national elected office by an EDF Renewables Personnel Member.



- → Enact and raise awareness of EDF Renewables' responsible attitude in terms of interest representation by communicating about the company's principles and operating methods.
- Strictly apply the rules concerning gifts and hospitality when it comes to public officials.
- Properly convey the difference between EDF Renewables' position and that of an association of which EDF Renewables is a member.
- Ensure that EDF Renewables' payment of the costs (accommodation, catering, transport) of public officials is compatible with the rules of the institution of that official and EDF Renewables' Policy.
- → Adapt our behaviour during election periods in accordance with the rules of the electoral code and EDF Renewables' Policy.
- → If in doubt, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# Prevention of market abuse

No Personnel Member must use or disclose inside or sensitive information to gain a personal benefit or to allow a third party to take advantage of it.

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Market abuse arises when a stock market investor is unfairly disadvantaged, directly or indirectly, by anyone who has used inside information, distorts the price formation mechanism or disseminates false or misleading information.

Inside information is precise information, not yet made public, that directly or indirectly concerns EDF, its subsidiaries or their financial instruments, and which would be liable to have a significant impact on the EDF share price (or, if applicable, that of a listed subsidiary) if it were made public. Individuals who have inside information are insiders. There are permanent insiders (at EDF, they are the members of the Board of Directors, members of the Executive Committee and certain members of their Management Committee) and occasional insiders (Personnel Members or service providers acting in the name or on behalf of EDF or one of its subsidiaries, who occasionally have access to inside information during a major project or event: major acquisition, large contract, etc.).

The use of this inside information constitutes insider trading or a breach by an insider.

Inside information may be information relating to financial results, merger, acquisition or sale projects, strategic projects, litigation developments, technical developments, significant management changes, etc.

Sensitive information is information requiring special precautionary and confidentiality measures (negotiations, major contracts, etc.). People who have sensitive information are not necessarily insiders, but remain subject to certain obligations, including, in some cases, compliance with blackout periods.

A blackout period is a period preceding the publication of the Group's financial information and during which any trading in EDF shares (or if applicable of a listed subsidiary) or related instruments is prohibited for persons who have inside or sensitive information.



EDF S.A. and some of its subsidiaries are listed entities that must comply with the principles and regulations currently in force and with the recommendations issued by the stock market authorities with regard to the possession, dissemination or possible use of inside information. The EDF Group has set up a stock market code of ethics containing the principles and rules applicable to transactions in shares of the EDF company or listed subsidiaries of the EDF Group.

EDF and the persons concerned may face heavy criminal penalties (insider trading) and/or administrative penalties (breach by an insider), as well as a significant image risk, if these rules are breached, even unknowingly and without profit. The sentences incurred are five years in prison for individuals and a €100 million fine. Entities incur a fine of up to €500 million, which can be increased to ten times the profits or 15% of the annual consolidated turnover. Attempted breaches of these rules are punishable in the same way.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- → Familiarise themselves with and comply with all of the principles and rules set out in the EDF Group's Ethical Code for Trading in Securities.
- ➔ Protect as best as possible the confidentiality of inside information, in particular by limiting access (use of code names, smaller teams, limited distribution of reports, regular verification of IT access rights, use of data encryption solutions, etc.).
- → Take precautions regarding the retention and transmission of information (limit the use of emails, encrypt messages, confidential marking).
- → When work begins on a financial, strategic or sensitive operation, draw up and send to the EDF Group Legal Division, via EDF Renewables, the list of occasional insiders, including Personnel Members and third parties (service providers, advisors), have them sign strict confidentiality clauses or agreements and ensure that the Ethical Code for Trading in Securities is brought to their attention.
- ➔ Respect blackout periods where applicable.

# Prohibitions imposed on the **concerned Personnel Members** as part of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- → Act with the intention of affecting the share price.
- → In possession of inside information, until the date on which it is made public:
  - acquire or sell, either directly or indirectly, on your own behalf or on behalf of other persons, the financial instruments of EDF or its listed subsidiaries:
  - · communicate inside information to family members, relatives, colleagues or third parties outside the normal framework of their work or duties:
- recommend that another person acquire or sell financial instruments on the basis of inside information.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, the Ethical Code for Trading in Securities, the "Inside Information" awareness video of the EDF Group, e-learning courses, etc.



- ➔ Work in a public place on a document containing inside or sensitive information.
- → Being indiscreet among family or friends.
- → Situations in which inside or sensitive information is potentially accessible by service providers or partners.



- → Take precautions when using computer and telephone devices, particularly in public places.
- → Alert if we become aware of the fact that inside information concerning the EDF Group has been disclosed outside the normal procedures for disseminating financial information.
- ➔ In the event of doubts or queries about whether or not information can be classified as "inside information", or any other question, contact the EDF Group Legal Division via EDF Renewables. Both the questions submitted and the answers provided will be treated as strictly confidential.
- If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from the Legal Division, your manager, the ECO of your entity or of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# **Prevention of the risk** of money laundering and terrorism financing



It is imperative to know your business relations, notably the final beneficiary of the financing or services, to ensure that your activities are not used to launder funds from criminal activities, or to directly or indirectly finance activities related to terrorism.



**DEFINITIONS** 

Money laundering is the process of concealing the nature and source of money from illegal activities (drug trafficking, arms trafficking, trafficking in persons, tax fraud, illegal labour, corruption, illegal speculation, etc.) by incorporating this "dirty money" into legal activities. The aim is to make it appear legal and conceal its origin and real owner (via fake invoices, front companies, etc.).

Terrorism financing consists of providing goods, solutions, services or funds that may be used in terrorist activities.



The EDF Group fights against economic and financial crime, notably by combating money laundering and terrorism financing.

Money laundering poses a risk to any EDF Group entity, which must in no way be accused of promoting the financing of prohibited activities such as terrorism, drug trafficking or the illegal financing of political parties or activities.

This risk is of a criminal nature, with sentences of up to ten years' imprisonment and a €750,000 fine for individuals in France. The disclosure of such an offence would also significantly damage the interests and image of EDF Renewables or of the EDF Group, and could exclude us from certain public contracts and permanently affect EDF's share price.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- Be constantly vigilant about how EDF Renewables' financing and services are used by their business relations.
- ➔ Conduct or delegate the conduct of an integrity check of their business relations, when stipulated by the EDF Renewables procedure, prior to any commitment, to verify that these are legitimate activities and that the money does not come from or does not fund illegal activities or sources subject to international sanctions.
- → Establish a monitoring and alert system, including atypical or suspicious transactions, transfers of funds from or to geographical areas considered risky, and operations or activities requiring cash payments.

# **Prohibitions imposed on the concerned Personnel Members** as part of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- → Conceal payments by using third parties.
- ➔ Accept cash transactions, except in particular cases, with the approval of your line manager and the EDF Renewables ECO.
- Accept unusual payments without analysing and verifying the supporting documents beforehand, such as:
- the bank account is not in the name of the contracting company;
- payments are made in a currency other than that stated on the invoice; • payments are made from several accounts or accounts that are not those normally used;
- payment is made in a country other than that in which the third party conducts its business and in which it is commercially registered.

# LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

Visit the "Ethics & Compliance" community on Vivre EDF online or on the EDF Renewables intranet where you can find a range of educational content: Policies, e-learning courses, etc.

The TRACFIN corporate site www.economie.gouv.fr/tracfin.



- → Transfers of funds from or to geographical areas considered risky.
- ➔ Operations or activities requiring cash payments.
- → The use of "purpose-specific cash boxes".
- ➔ Transactions structured to circumvent declaration or reporting obligations.
- → Unusually complex transactions or involving unusually high amounts.
- ➔ Transfers from or to numbered accounts.



- → Obtain and analyse supporting documentation to ensure the legality of activities and the source of funds.
- ➔ Ask your line manager or ECO about the obligation to report suspicious transactions to the relevant authorities to find out if this obligation applies to us.
- Be especially vigilant in developing knowledge about business partners when accepting new partners, monitoring business relations and in the traceability of financial flows.
- Consult the applicable lists of non-cooperative countries in tax and judicial matters.
- ➔ If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

# Prevention of breaches of competition law



No Personnel Member must share information with competitors on subjects such as prices, costs or strategy, as this could lead to suspicions of manipulation or distortion of competition. No Personnel member must agree with competitors in order to distort free competition in a market.



Breaches of competition law are behaviours that have the purpose or effect of preventing, restricting or distorting competition in a market.

These include:

- ➔ Agreements, which are agreements or concerted actions between independent companies intended to distort competition (exchange of price information, market sharing, etc.).
- → Abuses of a dominant position, which are unilateral practices by an operator using its market power to exclude other companies or prevent their entry or development on a market (predatory pricing, refusal of access to infrastructure, cross-subsidies).



The EDF Group is particularly exposed to the risk of breach of competition law due to the nature of its activities. For this reason, in 2010, the Legal Division set up a competition compliance programme that is part of the EDF Group's Ethics and Compliance system and which is regularly updated.

The EDF Group has dominant positions in France in regulated areas (electricity transmission and distribution) and deregulated areas (electricity generation, supply). As such, it has substantial market power. A dominant position is not in itself anti-competitive; instead, abuse of such a position is prohibited.

Breach of competition rules is subject to fines of up to 10% of the EDF Group's worldwide revenue, damages and interest paid to companies that are victims of anticompetitive practices, penalties for individuals of up to four years in prison and fines of €75,000, invalidity penalties for anti-competitive agreements, etc.

The parent company may sometimes be held liable because of its subsidiaries. Therefore, EDF S.A. could be penalised on the basis of the EDF Group's global revenue for the practices of one of its small subsidiaries, on a market that is not substantial for the EDF Group.

# Rules that apply to the concerned Personnel Members as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- → Avoid all contact with a competitor that could suggest there is an inappropriate form of agreement.
- ➔ Avoid any exchange of information between the EDF Group's entities in case they respond to the same invitation to tender.
- ➔ Define objective, transparent and non-discriminatory market conditions. ➔ Not participate and/or immediately withdraw from any situation resulting in inappropriate agreements or exchanges of information between competitors, and promptly inform the Legal Division.
- ➔ Inform their line managers promptly if they have received or accidentally used confidential information concerning competitors.
- → Before approving the acquisition of a participating interest by EDF Renewables, check with the EDF Renewables Legal Division whether the transaction requires prior authorisation from the competition authorities.

# Prohibitions imposed on the concerned Personnel Members in the context of their duties

#### It is prohibited to:

- → Join a cartel with competitors that have the purpose or effect of distorting competition (price agreements, market sharing, absuive loyalty, discrimination between partnersn tied selling, exclusivity agreements).
- ➔ Exchange information with competitors responding to the same invitation to tender (except when submitting a tender in a justified consortium).
- Use information held on a market in a legal monopoly situation (current or historical) to develop business in another market open to competition.
- Maintain confusion between regulated and non-regulated sector activities. → Seek to obtain a competitive advantage through illegal or unfair practices, such as strongly encouraging customers or suppliers to terminate contracts they may have with competitors.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC

platform, the "Competition Law - Habits to Adopt" guide, etc.

Visit the Legal Division's dedicated website (https://sg-fidji.edf.fr/web/pdc/conformite), the Competition Authority website (www.autoritedelaconcurrence.fr) or the DGCCRF website (www.economie.gouv.fr/dgccrf).



- → EDF's support to its subsidiaries.
- → Exchanges of information between companies.
- → Discussions during business meetings, or within professional associations or working groups, in which competitors participate.
- → Recruiting new Personnel Members whose previous employer was a competitor.



- → Check that the services provided by EDF or one of its subsidiaries for another EDF Group entity, including the provision of material or human resources, are subject to remuneration covering at least all of the costs incurred.
- When negotiating an agreement, consider the potential consequences on competition (limitation of the offering for consumers, risk of excluding competitors, creation of barriers to entry, etc.).
- → When EDF or one of its subsidiaries benefits from a support measure or considers providing support to a third party, check with the Legal Division whether the measure can be categorised as State aid, which would mean following a specific procedure.
- Do not authorise a Personnel Member to internally disclose confidential information about competitors for which he/she previously worked.
- ➔ If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from the Legal Division, your manager, the ECO of your entity or of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

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# **Compliance with** international sanctions and export controls



Prior to any commitment, it is necessary to check that the business relationship or proposed transaction is not subject to international sanctions and to know the product or service exported, its destination, its end user and its actual use.



**DEFINITIONS** 

Multilateral or unilateral international sanctions programmes of an economic and financial nature are intended to prohibit or restrict trade in goods, technology and services with certain States, territories, persons or companies designated on national lists (such as the U.S. OFAC), regional lists (EU decisions) or international lists (United Nations Resolutions).

These sanctions may take the form of measures to freeze funds and economic resources (asset freezes) and sometimes restrictions on access to financial services, territorial prohibitions or placement under military or sectoral embargo (restricting the use, transfer or trade of goods or activities in particular in the field of technology and energy).

Furthermore, in addition to the persons and territories subject to sanctions, export control regulations govern the export and use of certain products, technologies and software (some called "dual-use goods and technologies" as they can be used for civilian and military purposes) due to the risks they pose to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical, biological, etc.) or to the national interests of States.

Therefore, where it is necessary to export or re-export to another country dual-use equipment, technologies or software or conduct "presumed export" of technology to foreign nationals within national borders, it is necessary to determine whether an export licence or other type of government authorisation is required prior to such presumed export or re-export.



The EDF Group, including EDF Renewables, is subject to the risk of non-compliance with international sanctions program due to the activity of its entities, development projects or even through its partnerships with public or private organisations and their representatives (business finders, intermediaries, corporate officers, etc.).

Due to its activities, particularly nuclear activities, EDF is also subject to export control regulations, which require a "licence" from the competent authorities, prior to any transfer, export, brokerage or transit of equipment or technologies that may have both civil and military use. This obligation also applies to intra-Group relations and intra-Community exports.

Failure to comply with international sanctions and export control regulations pose significant risks to the Group, including particularly serious financial and criminal consequences, risks to the execution of the projects and activities concerned, and image and reputational risks.

# Rules that apply to the personnel members concerned as part of their duties

#### The Personnel Members concerned must:

- Know and comply with the rules and procedures concerning international sanctions and export controls implemented at EDF Group and EDF Renewables level.
- ➔ Obtain authorisations from the competent authorities prior to any export or re-export of technologies, software or products that may have both civil and military applications. The Personnel Member concerned must also ensure that an EDF Renewables supplier or subcontractor has the necessary authorisations for these operations.
- Verify by means of targeted due diligence that no prohibited transaction is initiated with a country or entity subject to sanctions or that can be considered to be owned or controlled by the persons covered by the sanctions or obtain, where the transaction is authorised subject to conditions, the au-thorisations from the competent authorities prior to any transaction. To do so, it is necessary to ensure the origin, final destination or final recipient of the good.
- ➔ Provide contractual provisions and arrangements to protect the EDF Group's interests in relation to the risks associated with international sanctions and export control.
- ➔ Provide the ECO of their entity or of EDF Renewables with information on the location of their activities and a list of their partners.

### **Prohibitions imposed on the** • • personnel members concerned in the context of their duties

### It is prohibited to:

- Enter into a business relationship without having previously carried out an integrity check when stipulated by the EDF Renewables instruction memo, and having checked it is not included on a list of international sanctions.
- → Enter into a business relationship without first including in the contract provisions that protect the EDF Group from any breach of international sanctions and export control regulations, and in particular allow EDF Renewables to terminate the relationship if a partner fails to comply with these regulations, taking changes to them into account.
- Continue with the exports stated in the contract if the required authorisations could not be obtained from the competent authorities.
- → Work with a business relation whose assets are frozen or included on a sanction list. No payment, contract or delivery can be made to that relation.
- → Export/import a good, technology or service to/from a country and/or entity that is subject to international sanctions or export control decisions imposing restrictions on that country or entity.

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Dedicated websites of the Ministry of Economy and Finance: https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/services-aux-entreprises/ sanctions-economique and https://sbdu.entreprises.gouv.fr/fr The lists are available on the following sites:

- les-personnes-et-entites-sanctionnees https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/services-aux-entreprises/sanctionseconomiques/votre-bien-ou-votre-service-est-il-vise-par-des-interdictions-ou-des-restrictions-commerciales
- Europe: https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/sanctions-policy/8442/consolidated-list-of-sanctions\_en
- United States: https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf

## **HIGH-RISK SITUATIONS**

- → Lack of accurate information on the nature, purpose and composition of the good or technology concerned.
- → Lack of precise identity of the customer and the supply chain.
- ➔ An address or name similar to that on the sanctions lists.
- ➔ An invitation to make the settlement to a third country, other than that of the service provider.
- → A partner that refuses normal procedures or services and/or the contractual provisions under which it undertakes to comply with the sanctions programmes and export control regulations.
- ➔ A shipment of goods or services using indirect or obscure routes.



- → Read the EDF Group's rules and procedures, in particular the Group's instruction memo on Export Controls.
- Learn more specifically about the embargoes and economic sanctions applicable in the market in which we operate and in the countries in which we work.
- Check that the country, activity or partner (and its shareholders) do not appear on a list of sanctions, then set up a monitoring system for the duration of the business relationship.
- ➔ Ask the relevant ECO to run searches in a compliance database.
- If in doubt about how to proceed, seek advice from your manager, the ECO of your entity, the ECO of EDF Renewables or the DECG.

France: https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/services-aux-entreprises/sanctions-economigues/tout-savoir-sur-





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