

# Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship

## Partner policy

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### Purpose

The purpose of this partner policy is to provide guidelines for making a decision on whether to partner<sup>1</sup> with an organisation or not and based on which criteria. This policy outlines the selection and assessment process to undertake.

The final decision to partner is made by the Management Team of Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship. This decision will be made after consulting the relevant team members.

### Partnership vision

Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship, part of Erasmus University Rotterdam, is a global leader in fostering entrepreneurship and innovation through excellent research and education activities. We bring academic insights into the world of practice and empower change agents and their teams with entrepreneurial competencies, as well as practical tools and techniques to support them while starting and scaling their growth and positive societal impact.

We support the movement towards a sustainable and more inclusive world and cannot do this alone, we wish to do this in partnership with other organisations and people. We are inclusive and judge organisations by what they do now and not by their past. We believe that the impact we aim to create requires innovative strength and upscaling and that is why we do not exclude industries but ask all organizations that work with us to commit to our partner criteria and support our mission. Moreover, we ask all organisations to stimulate their other partners to follow the partner criteria too (or to a minimum extent for the activities the organisation undertakes with us that include the involvement of other partners).

We do not have the capacity to monitor all our partners to see whether they actually meet the criteria, the relationship with our partners is one of trust. However, we are free to conduct our own research or ask questions directly to partners when unclarity about meeting the partner criteria exists. **In case it turns out the organisation did not fill out the partner checklist truthfully and in good faith; we can pull back from the partnership without any liability.**

The partner checklist needs to be filled out by the organisation once every five years or so more often in case the way of working or policies of the organisation change which influence the scoring.

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<sup>1</sup> To partner meaning to work together with (possibly outlined in a formal agreement) another organisation or person etc., or accept as participant or customer.

## For whom

### Who is in scope of our Partner Policy?

- All 'Tier 1' suppliers, defined as those who invoice Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship for services;
- Companies in any tier that do the work that Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship contracts from a Tier 1 supplier;
- Any supplier beyond Tier 1 who has a contract with Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship, or whom Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship has expressly appointed to provide goods or services to the Tier 1 supplier, even where they do not directly invoice Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship;
- Companies or people selling our products/services on behalf of Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship;
- Customers and business partners that Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship directly contracts with to bring our products or services to Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship's users around the world;
- Charities, NGOs and social enterprises who receive service donations from Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship.

### What type of organisations?

- ALL types of organisations, regardless of size and number of employees.

### Who in the organisation?

- Everyone in the organisation, including:
  - All employees of the organisation;
  - All parts of the organisation, divisions and operations;
  - All group companies;
  - Contracted workers or services employed by the group companies to enable the running of the company (for example: contracted workers for manufacturing, security, catering, janitorial and other services).
- People you sub-contract work to, including:
  - Sub-contractors of services doing the actual work that Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship is being invoiced for, including self-employed workers or people in the 'gig-economy';
  - Sub-contractors of raw materials or goods that Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship is sourcing, including through traders, brokers and/or agents.

## Scoring

Scoring is done by indicating Yes (Y) or No (N) for each criterium. Mark the score per criterium with an x. Please briefly elaborate on your scores indicated.

## Partner checklist

Criteria	Y	N
The organisation is aware of our mission and vision and understands all activities that are undertaken in the partnership will need to contribute to these.		
The organisation is in agreement with our core values that guide our way of working together.		
The organisation is committed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.		
The organisation abides by the Principles of Partnership as endorsed by the Global Humanitarian Platform, being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality</li> <li>• Transparency</li> <li>• Result-oriented approach</li> <li>• Responsibility</li> <li>• Complementarity</li> </ul>		
The organisation is committed to not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, disability, birth, age or other status.		
The organisation ensures that all its employees, personnel and sub-contractors comply with the standards of conduct listed in Section 3 of the UN Secretary-Generals Bulletin on 'Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse'.		
The organisation has not been charged with or been complicit in fraud, or financial and non-financial corrupt activities, including money laundering, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and is not involved, nor has been involved in the past, with such activities that are incompatible with the UN mandate and values and that would render the organisation unsuitable for dealing with UN agencies.		
The organisation nor any of its employees or members is mentioned on the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List nor on the United Nations Global Marketplace vendor ineligibility list. Furthermore, the organisation has not supported and does not support, directly or indirectly, individuals and entities sanctioned by or otherwise involved in a manner prohibited by a Security Council resolution adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.		

## Results summary

Please briefly explain the scores you indicated for the partnership criteria and provide or link to any relevant documents to support your scores.

<summary>

If the organisation does not meet all the criteria, please explain why you think this partnership is strategically relevant and why we should start/continue the partnership.

<explanation if needed>

## Declaration of truth

I/we am allowed to represent the organisation and confirm this partner checklist has been filled out truthfully.

Organisation name: <project name>

Date: <date>

Filled out by: <name(s), role(s)>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_