



ANTI CORRUPTION INTERNATIONAL ETHOS IN FINANCE

Introduction

Donations and income from grants enable Anti Corruption International (ACI) to professionally conduct the coordination of project and realize the objectives. ACI needs to secure the funds necessary to implement all planned activities. Diverse funding sources enable ACI to maintain its independence, protect its reputation and operate effectively. Thus our funding strategy consists of a mix of donations by members and the public (crowdfunding) as well as institutional grants and funds from philanthropic organizations. Corporate grants are accepted as long as they fulfil the requirements outlined in this document.

Our Mission Statement:

“Anti-Corruption International is aimed at bringing together youth from around the world to raise awareness about corruption-related issues, expose the practices of corruption, develop ideas of fighting it in an open, engaging and encouraging environment as well as to pressure institutions to put in place anti-corruption mechanisms.”

How we plan to use the grants

We divide our budget into organisational costs and project-related costs. Grants will almost exclusively be given to us based on an application with a specific project, therefore those funds will go directly towards the implementation of the project. Organisational costs will be funded mostly by individual donations. An overview of projects and our organisational costs for which ACI is currently seeking crowdfunding for our projects which [can be found here](#). At the end of each year and prior to each Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Executive Board publishes an Annual Return which includes an overview of income and expenditures (Annual Accounts). ACI publishes those reports in accordance with the SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) for Ireland.

Other types of Income

Besides donations, which can be general or designated, institutional grants and grants from foundations, we aim to raise income from the following options:

Project Sponsor

Legal entities or individuals can become a project sponsor. When entering with us in such a partnership they will be mentioned in the promotional material and during associated events. Project sponsor have to be in compliance with our funding guidelines (see below).

Contributing Member

For individuals: An individual donating 50 EUR per year as general funds, will be considered a contributing member.

For legal entities: Legal entities can donate 300 EUR a year to become a contributing member. Obviously they have to sign a self-commitment as well as need to show a clean record and comply with our funding guidelines.

Who is in charge of the accounts?

The Head of Treasury and the President have access to the bank accounts. Banking services are being provided by Permanent TSB (Irish Bank) –

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General policy

Generally, each funding source has to be approved and documented by the Head of Funding of Anti Corruption International. Funds can only be acquired if they comply with the below-listed guidelines.

If a National Chapter of ACI is registered as separate legal entity, a bank account has to be opened and maintained. Every obtained funds will need to be documented, reported at the end of the year to the Head of Treasury and need to equally fulfil the below-listed guidelines. National Chapters that are operating under the name of the head organisation will have to seek their funding using the head organisation's accounts.

ACI must not risk putting its reputation for honesty, openness and integrity in jeopardy. Its reputation could be compromised if any of the NC or the head organization receive funding from sources that were perceived to be pursuing activities inconsistent with ACI's mission.

ACI may accept funding from any of the above donors or institutions, providing that acceptance does not:

- Impair ACI's independence to pursue its mission;
- Endanger its integrity and reputation.

Appropriate care to protect ACI's integrity and reputation should always be taken by any of the persons involved in funding-related decisions.

The Head of Funding documents all funding related to ACI's bank accounts during the course of the year. At the end of the year they publishes the complete "List of Funds Received" including the funds of each NC.

Funding Guidelines

- The process of raising funds must be transparent (all the sources and amounts must be documented and reported);
- It is advisable to use bank or PayPal transfers in order to maximize traceability and transparency in funding, however other options like e.g. cash or mobile cash, in certain cases, are possible as well. Cash, however, must not be accepted if the amount per donor exceeds the equivalent of 100 EUR. A report has to be filed for any donation over 100 EUR and will be published in the appendix of the Annual Report.
- ACI does not accept donation from unethical donors;
- Any donation to ACI, incl. the National Chapters, must be able to stand up to public scrutiny. A donor accused of having been involved in corruption can expect no protection from ACI;
- Care should be taken to ensure that project-related funding does not result in undue influence over ACI's campaigning work;
- ACI does not grant any compensation to the donor. We will not engage in any interest of the donor, that is not part of our mission. If such an organization or person is proven to try to influence us, we will neglect or payback the funds;
- ACI can receive funding from corporations and donors from the private sector provided that a potential donor has made a public commitment to at least but ideally reach further than existing ethical standards (like UN Global Compact, the Business Principles etc.). ACI may request that corporate donors sign a commitment to integrity before any donation from that company is accepted and investigated thoroughly when needed. ACI must not accept a donation from a company that is found to have engaged in corruption unless the company can demonstrate that this was a violation of the company's policies,

that breach of these policies is being addressed in an appropriate manner and that its policies have been amended to prevent a similar violation in the future. However, we don't engage in sponsorship for the organisation in general. For particular events or projects, sponsorships can be established to a reasonable degree. A sponsorship may not result in the use of our branding to enhance the partner's image;

- In case of risking ACI's independence, integrity or reputations, donations can be rejected or returned;
- If any member of ACI or external person is concerned that there is a threat to ACI's independence or reputation from donations already received, or about to be accepted, the person(s) should draw this to the attention of the President and the Head of Treasury.

For further information, please contact the [Head of Funding](#).