



RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT

CHAPTER I – General

Article 1 – Description of the Group

The Cultural Creators Friendship Group (hereinafter CCFG) is neither a political group nor an intergroup of the European Parliament. It is an informal cooperation scheme among Members of the European Parliament that are interested to forward and promote its principles as enshrined in the CCFG Manifesto.

The CCFG is not an organ of the Parliament and may not, therefore, express the opinion thereof. The CCFG does not have a legal personality.

Article 2 – Functions of the CCFG

The CCFG shall operate as a forum of discussion and cooperation among its members to discuss topics described in the Manifesto and that are of relevance to policies of the Union including but not limited to:

- Pending or upcoming files in the Committee on Culture and Education as well as in other relevant committees of the European Parliament
- Initiatives, events and common undertakings to promote the agenda as described in the Manifesto
- Current topics of interest to creators of cultural content
- Act as a forum for interest groups to present their positions or proposals on topics that are relevant to scope of the CCFG

Article 3 – Members

Members of the CCFG are the MEPs that share the principles enshrined in the Manifesto and declare their CCFG membership in written form.

Article 4 – Code of Conduct

(a) MEPs that are members of the CCFG ought not to engage in any activity either formally within their mandate, exercising their official duties that would defeat the purpose of the CCFG.

(b) In case they do so, they undertake the responsibility to either quit the CCFG or make all that is due in order to mitigate repercussions on the CCFG's integrity.

Article 5 – Transparency

The CCFG collectively and each of the members undertake the responsibility to declare any support received either pecuniary or in any other form while exercising their duties as members of the CCFG or for the purposes of the function of the CCFG.

Article 6 – Supporters

Interest groups or individuals representing the Cultural and Creative Sectors (CCS) can express their interest to support the operation of the CCFG, to be delivered to the Coordinators in written form, and shall have the ability to participate in the meetings of the CCFG. Essential requirement for supporters is being registered in the transparency register of the Institutions. Supporters can be excluded from the CCFG by a Coordinators decision.

Article 7 – Decision making process

Members will strive to take decisions, if need be for a decision to be taken, by consensus. In any other case simple majority will suffice for a decision to be adopted.

CHAPTER II – Practical aspects of the cooperation

Article 8 – Periodicity of the meetings

The CCFG shall meet once per month during committee weeks as indicated in the official calendar of the European Parliament for a total duration of at least 30 and maximum 90 minutes in order to discuss in detail the topics of the agenda. One of the members of the CCFG shall chair the meeting.

Article 9 – Agenda

All members of the CCFG are able to propose items to be discussed in the agenda of each monthly meeting. At the end of each meeting, minutes shall be available and a summary shall be circulated to all members as well as be published in the website of the CCFG.

Article 10 – Communication of the CCFG

The CCFG shall have an operable website and social media channels, run by the Coordinators, where all activities, reports, meetings, composition and relevant information for the operation of the CCFG shall be published.

The CCFG will have a logo, which will be solely used for events or activities authorized by the Coordinators.

Article 11 – Events of the CCFG

The CCFG shall organize common events in order to promote its goals and values and therefore allow for the networking of relevant stakeholders that could promote its goals and mission. The list, nature and number of events to be organized shall be agreed in the beginning of each semester after a round of proposals. The participating members agree to pool their resources for logistical purposes of the organization.

Article 12 – Coordination of the CCFG

The operation of the CCFG shall be coordinated by a team of Coordinators which will consist of one member per political group that is represented in the CCFG. The CCFG members of each political group elect their Coordinator once per year.