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## Code of Ethics

### Ethical Code Demagog.cz, zs

This short document modifies the general bases on which the Demagog.cz project is based and also some basic principles governing its individual members when working in it.

The purpose of the operation of the Demagog.cz project is to increase the transparency of governance and strengthen civic engagement in the Czech Republic. Its members strive to achieve this primarily by analyzing public policy statements through fact-checking and public action in media literacy, critical thinking and civic engagement.

The basic content is a long-term control of the factual statements of the Czech political elite in public space. In doing so, Demagog.cz adheres to a number of basic and unbeatable principles:

1. Demagog.cz is an independent, non-profit and apolitical project. His analyzes, which, in principle, are directed to the sphere of the political sphere, are based on the position of an independent arbitrator of factual statements, lack a viewpoint and do not break any political position.

2. Each output must be based on detected and verified data. In obtaining and processing information, Demagog.cz is fully subordinate to the imperative to find out to the readers a true picture of reality, and in cases where it is impossible to obtain all the information completely feasible, proceed with the goal of truth as close as possible.
3. Demagog.cz may not publish information whose origin is unknown. He is also required to familiarize the reader with each source of published information.
4. Demagog.cz can only obtain information using fair and legal procedures.
5. Demagog.cz, if possible and purposeful, is accompanied by the report's identification by the editors / experts responsible for its preparation. They are obliged to exclude external influences that could affect the inclusion or content of information in the analytical output.
6. Demagog.cz will not allow anyone outside of their valid organizational structure to decide to include or exclude certain information or material in their publishing activities.
7. For the sake of preserving impartiality and neutrality, Demagog.cz, as an association, will refrain from publishing its own opinions on public affairs (eg petitions, political challenges, etc.), except for matters concerning the essence of the democratic establishment of the Czech Republic.

In addition to these general principles, Demagog.cz is also governed by specific principles that each team member is required to follow. Their observance is a necessary condition for working in the Demagog.cz project.

1. Teamwork is incompatible with membership in a political party, movement or youth organization of such entities. An applicant for a project job signs an affidavit at the entrance interview that he / she is not involved in the above types of entities. If he / she becomes a member of a political party, movement or youth organization of a political entity during his / her activity at Demagog.cz, he / she is obliged to inform the project management and terminate his / her activities within the team. The internship at Demagog.cz is also incompatible with work for political parties - for example, an internship with a political party / movement.
2. A member of the Demagog.cz team will honor and uphold the values of the association. He is obliged, with respect to the basic goals and vision of Demagog.cz, to perform in a sophisticated way and to present the project's publishing activity with a basal respect for the subjects of individual analyzes.
3. The Demagog.cz team member is obliged to adhere to the rules stipulated by the internship conditions, and to respect the factchecking methods as well as the standards of journalistic work.

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