

## Centre for Good Governance

### Constitution

The Centre for Good Governance (CGG) is a Research and Policy Centre established under the European Institute of Management and Finance (EIMF), a tertiary education institution (pending approval by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA)).

### Mission/Vision

#### Our Vision

Bettering the world through good governance

#### Our Mission

To promote training, research, publications and dissemination of knowledge in good governance, and to develop manuals, codes of conduct, best practices, procedures, and policy templates in governance related areas that will overall enhance the level of governance in the private and public spheres.

#### Our Goal

To contribute to a more efficient and transparent public sector, a more fair, productive, and just corporate world, and one where businesses and public organisations operate effectively and interact constructively to pursue their goals in a sustainable manner, by considering the interests of all stakeholders and society at large.

### Core Activities

#### Outreach Activities / Dissemination of Knowledge

- Conferences: Organising conferences on relevant topic areas and issues of public concern.
- Seminars: Through our academic partners and the EIMF's extensive network of trainers, the Centre offers specialised seminars on governance, as well as bespoke services.
- Webinars and Lectures: – Dissemination of knowledge through our open webinars and lecture series

#### Research

- Research: Development and/or participation in research projects that aim to produce relevant knowledge and added value both for academics and practitioners.
- To provide objective, fair and independent opinions through public interventions on topical matters

#### Advisory and Consulting Services

- Corporate Governance Manuals: Practical and effective manuals for organisations that wish to enhance their governance practices.
- Board Evaluations - To be conducted using a process of guided self-reflection and affirmative inquiry to identify both areas of strength to be further reinforced and opportunities for improvement in relation to stakeholder conformance & performance requirements and expectations. The evaluation will be conducted with a holistic view of board effectiveness, incorporating a review of both the hard and soft skills necessary to provide leadership through governance to maximise organisational success.
- Mentoring Schemes – The CGG can liaise so that bespoke guidance is offered upon request to Directors and/or Boards
- Bespoke advice on governance-related matters

### **Collaboration and Networking**

The CGG will expand collaborations and networking with global established groupings and individuals. This will include the strengthening of existing collaborations on research projects and training initiatives. The CGG will also contribute by providing support to initiatives that aim to promote good governance students and staff from groupings and institutes that form part of such networks.

### **Advisory Council**

#### Composition:

The advisory council is led by the Academic Director of the EIMF (or another member of the faculty that has relevant academic interests). He/she has the authority to invite established professionals and academics with relevant expertise, background and knowledge that will allow the Centre to fulfil its purpose and meet its objectives.

#### Duties and Responsibilities of the Members of the Advisory Council:

The Council will have a supporting role in:

- Shaping the Centre's strategy
- Determining the thematic areas & direction of the activities to be undertaken by the CGG (including the research projects to be pursued),

- Recommending additional actions, and
- Organising/engaging in the CGG's activities where appropriate

## **Personnel**

### Members

The faculty members of EIMF will be members of the CGG and expected to contribute to the functioning of the CGG

### Associate Members

Individuals with a substantial part of their professional and/or academic activity in governance related issues that wish to engage and contribute to the actions and activities of the CGG are invited to apply for associate membership.

## **Ethical Declaration**

### Declaration of Political Independence

The Centre shares no affiliation with any political party, it retains its impartiality and espouses a scientific approach to any activity that is carried out.

### Declaration on Conflicts of Interest

The Advisory Council Members are committed in declaring any conflicts of interest in a clear and transparent manner.

Furthermore, the Advisory Council secures that in case of donations or research grants awarded by private entities or individuals, these will be managed in a transparent manner without jeopardising the Centre's independence.

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