

Ethical Standards

CIDEEFF has adopted in its statutes and is bound by the provisions of Decree-Law no. 125/99 of April 20, 1999 (in particular, as regard to ethical issues, chapter II, art. 8 - 19). The University of Lisbon Code of Conduct applies to all researchers and other contractors in the course of CIDEEFF's activities. The Code of Conduct is available here. CIDEEFF particularly underlines the Best Practices Principles enshrined in Article 9 of the Code of Conduct:

General Principles:

- a) The Principle of Diligence;
- b) The Principle of Credibility
- c) The Principle of Verifiability
- d) The Principle of Impartiality
- e) The Principle of Transparency
- f) The Principle of Usability of Information and Contents

Best Practices Principles to safeguard diligence in teaching and scientific work:

- a) Respect for others rights and the rights of animals, in case of the latter's use in scientific research;
- b) Rigorous and exhaustive citation of sources used in research work;
- c) Mention of copyright to sources used, and discussions and debates, etc., contributing to the final work;
- d) Separation between personal and work spheres, so as to prevent doubts as to the objectiveness of judgment, especially in cases involving subordinates our hierarchical dependents, as well as close relatives;
- e) Make explicit and publicly available all appraisal criteria before carrying out an evaluation;
- f) Permanent updating of teaching and research staff so as to maintain a high standard of knowledge.

Best Practices Principles to safeguard the credibility of teaching and research:

- a) Consistency between the results presented and the data obtained, statistical methods used and calculations undertaken, as well as making explicit and justifying the selective omission of results where applicable;
- b) Autonomous presentation of speculation or hypothesis for the continuation of the work undertaken that may legitimately result from results, so as not to be confused with the presentation of conclusions;
- c) Exhaustiveness and rigour of curricula;
- d) Clear distinction, in the context of teaching activities, between personal opinion, speculation and facts.

Best Practice Principles for safeguarding the verifiability of teaching and research work:

- a) Replicability of research, with scientific texts drafted so as to allow the replication of the research conducted by other authors and in other locations;
- b) Preservation, for at least five years, of data, as well as manuscripts, programs, calculations, publications, reports, etc., so as to make them available to whomever requests them, except for work covered by specific regulations and subject to non-disclosure agreements;
- c) Precise drafting of class summaries, so as to allow the extraction of relevant information as to the subject taught;
- d) Conservation, for five years, of the results in different curricular units.

Best Practices Principles to safeguard impartiality in teaching and research:

- a) Guarantee freedom and an adequate space for the intellectual development of students and supervised researchers within the scope of hierarchical relations between teacher and student and supervisor and researcher;
- b) Impartiality in all acts of appraisal and evaluation, including corrections and peer review, even within a competitive environment with people or groups upon whom the act of appraisal or evaluation is conducted;
- c) Inexistence of family or professional proximity between evaluators and evaluatees.



CIDEEFF has adopted the principles and requirements of the European Charter for Researchers and ensures the freedom of research to all the researchers, only limited by compliance with ethical standards, legal obligations and its mission statement, and provides its researcher with good working conditions, mobility, continuous training and professional development. The statutes of CIDEEFF guarantee the implementation of scientific best practices among researchers and the overall supervision and scientific evaluation of their activities will be ensured by the Coordinator of the CIDEEFF, the external committee and by IDEFF and IE. Peer review is being implemented for CIDEEFF's publications.

CIDEEFF will guarantee the dissemination of the research results: publications, website, conferences and seminars.