

The Association of Schools of Public Health  
in the European Region (ASPHER)

# Transparency Statement



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## ASPHER's Guiding Principles concerning Partnership, Sponsorship, and Conflict of Interest

ASPHER's policy concerning partnership, sponsorship, and conflict of interest is in accordance with its statutes and mission statement: *To promote education, research and service in public health, in order to foster a creative and dynamic academic and practical educational infrastructure for public health workforce development.*

ASPHER is a not-for-profit and non-governmental organisation that must maintain independence and integrity.

Any partnership that ASPHER undertakes should in no way compromise, or be seen to compromise, the independence of ASPHER's functioning or decision-making processes. The independence of the internal policy making, political judgement and all planned annual activities of ASPHER should not be influenced by the financial support on account of a partnership.

ASPHER can therefore only enter into partnerships with and accept financial support from organisations which hold views and practices that are not contrary to its mission and values. The partnership shall in no way compromise ASPHER's core principles.

ASPHER will maintain an open and transparent relationship with all partners.

ASPHER is fully independent from all entities representing industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, and therefore does not accept any funds from industry or commercial interests.

Before accepting funding from any entity, the Board must be satisfied that:

- ✓ There are strong grounds for believing the donation, grant or sponsorship will result in benefit to the organisation and its members.
- ✓ No adverse publicity will result from accepting the funds.

ASPHER will closely review all potential partners' governance policies, and their reputation in working with non-governmental organisations. If there is any cause for concern, the partnership will not be undertaken and funds will not be accepted.

ASPHER will not endorse or promote individual products or services.

A partner's support will be acknowledged in an appropriate way following discussions with the partner concerned.

ASPHER should always be able to demonstrate to its members and the public that a given sponsorship does not exert any influence on its own policies and practices and that its independence and integrity are maintained in any financial relationship with another organisation.

