

## Ethics and Malpractice statement

The scientific and professional journal ***Education for Entrepreneurship – E4E*** is using guidelines proposed by the [Committee on Publication Ethics \(COPE\)](#) to ensure the highest standards of ethical conduct and academic integrity by following principles below:

### **Ethical expectations**

#### *Responsibilities and rights of editors*

- The Editorial Board assesses whether the subject matter corresponds with the area covered by the journal and decides if the article will be accepted or rejected
- It follows the policy of the Editorial Board and the criteria of article quality and importance for the academic and social community
- The Editorial board impartially decides on the publication of articles, without regard to the author's race, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, ethnicity, citizenship or political ideology
- The Editorial board is obliged to provide a double-blinded review process of every article published in the journal
- In case of both positive and negative reviews for the same article, the article is evaluated by the Editorial Board
- In case of different categorization of articles by reviewers, the final decision is made by the Editorial Board
- In case of complaints of an ethical or conflict nature, the Editorial Board should follow the policies and procedures of the ***Education for Entrepreneurship – E4E*** journal where appropriate, [COPE Ethical Flowchart](#) and give authors an opportunity to respond to any complaints. All complaints should be investigated no matter when the original publication was approved. Documentation associated with any such complaints should be retained

#### *Responsibilities and rights of reviewers*

- The reviewers are proposed and selected by the Editorial Board of the journal. They are selected on the basis of their knowledge, experience, and reputation because in this way they can significantly contribute to the assessment of the manuscript and the quality of articles and journal
- Before accepting the role of a reviewer for a particular article, a reviewer is obliged to check whether the topic of the article is within their area of scientific work.
- Ethics and objectivity are the cornerstones of every aspect of the review process
- Reviewers must keep all information about review process as confidential
- Reviewers are obligated to express their views clearly with supporting arguments
- Reviewers should identify and alert Editorial board about potential ethical issues in the articles (e.g. redundant (duplicate) publication, plagiarism, fabricated data, conflict of interest etc.)

- Possible results of the review process are: Acceptance, Acceptance with minor revision, Acceptance with major revision, Rejection, but re-submission after radical refinement and rejection
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#### *Responsibilities and rights of authors*

- Authors are responsible for the originality, quality of article and adhering to scientific ethics
- It is the authors' responsibility that the article has not been previously published anywhere or it is currently in the process of being published elsewhere
- Authors should disclose all sources of financial support for the research and be on alert that there are no potential conflicts of interest in their article
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- Responsibilities and rights of authors are described in the [Guidelines for authors](#)

#### **Consequences which may be drawn if misconduct is detected**

- Any person or institution may indicate misconduct and unethical conduct and alert the Editorial board at any time
- Whoever informs the Editorial board of such conduct should provide documentation with sufficient information and evidence to investigate the case
- In case of minor misconduct and serious copyright misconduct, the COPE Flowchart is followed:  
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