

Transparency International Sweden Donations Policy and Guidelines

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Introduction

Membership fees and donations enable the Swedish Chapter of Transparency International (TI Sweden) to promote transparency and fight corruption. TI Sweden needs to secure the funding necessary to undertake and develop its work. Secure and diverse funding enables TI Sweden to maintain its independence, protect its reputation and operate effectively.

Background

TI Sweden is mainly funded from membership fees (individuals, corporate members and members in the Corporate Supporters Forum) and, occasionally, from additional sources, such as foundations, the government, and the private sector. TI Sweden is working towards broadening and increasing its financial support. Relying on many sources of income will help TI Sweden to maintain its independence. Funding may be unrestricted or tied to specific projects.

TI Sweden must not risk jeopardising its reputation for honesty, openness and integrity. Its reputation could be compromised if were to receive funding from sources that could be perceived to be pursuing activities inconsistent with the chapter's mission.

Policy

It is TI Sweden's policy to accept funding from any donor and whether monetary or in kind, provided that acceptance does not:

- impair TI Sweden's independence to pursue its mission
- endanger its integrity and reputation.

TI Sweden does not accept anonymous donations.

Scope

This Policy applies to all fundraising, regardless of types of donor or amounts involved, unless otherwise stated in this document. It is to be applied to all new funding from existing donors and to all new donors in the future. It does not apply to income raised from the sale of publications or from fees for participation in conferences, events and other activities. Appropriate care to protect the reputation of TI Sweden should always be taken.

Guidelines

Funding to enable TI Sweden to carry out its work should be sought from a wide range of sources. Care should be taken to ensure that project-related funding does not result in any undue influence over TI Sweden's programme work. Subject to maintaining our independence and reputation, the Chapter may accept funding from all kinds of sources.

TI Sweden will list all monetary donations and donors in its accounts and publicly disclose them in the Chapter's Annual Report which is published on its website. In kind donations will likewise be mentioned in the annual report.

If there is any risk that receiving funds from a particular source would impair TI Sweden's independence or if there is any risk to our reputation from public association with the donor, then funding from that source must not be accepted.

Any donation to TI Sweden must be able to stand up to public scrutiny. TI Sweden's independence requires that a donor may be subject to the same criticism by us as any other organisation or individual in a comparable situation.

TI Sweden can receive funding from corporations and donors from the private sector. This does not imply any endorsement of a donating company's policies or record. A potential donating company may be asked to make a public commitment to ethical standards (such as the UN Global Compact, the Business Principles etc.). TI Sweden should not accept a donation from a company that is found to have engaged in corruption unless the company can demonstrate that this was a violation of the company's policies, that breach of these policies is being addressed in an appropriate manner, or that its policies have been amended to proscribe a similar violation in future. TI Sweden works with companies on the understanding that they are working towards a business environment in which bribery is not accepted.

It is the responsibility of the staff and Board of Directors of TI Sweden to ensure that the Chapter's independence and reputation is not jeopardised. If any staff or Board member of TI Sweden is concerned that there is a threat to the Chapter's independence or reputation from donations already received, or about to be accepted, the person(s) shall draw this to the attention of the Chair of the Board to be discussed by the full board.