

Declaration of Fight against Fraud, Corruption and Conflicts of Interest of the Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICN2)

In this declaration, ICN2, acting within its powers, seeks to reinforce its Anti-Fraud Policy, in the broadest possible sense, pursuant to its functions.

This is why it expressly declares its utmost commitment to comply with the law, internal rules and ethical standards as well as with the principles of integrity, honesty, impartiality and justice and with all those that apply to the most stringent systems of integrity and legal compliance.

All of the above is established with the aim of guiding its actions, as well as those of all its members (employees and management and governing bodies), in accordance with the principles of best practices, ethics and good governance. All these principles are also accepted by all the members of the various departments at ICN2 such that they all, as well as the third parties that deal with ICN2, perceive that all its activities will always be opposed to any form of fraud, corruption and conflict of interest.

ICN2's Anti-Fraud Policy aims to establish a culture of legal compliance that is seriously opposed to fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest, ensuring that means to prevent and identify such situations and correctly handle and prosecute them are provided.

It should also be noted that, in the fight against fraud, ICN2 falls within the scope of action of the Anti-Fraud Measures Plan (hereinafter, the "AFMP") of the Government of Catalonia approved on 1 February 2022 and that, within its regulatory framework, ICN2 is developing the plan and adapting it to the special nature of the institution. Specifically, it is working on the creation of its own tools such as the AFMP to manage the European Next Generation EU fund, without prejudice to the possibility of applying it to other ICN2 procedures.

Among other things, this AFMP contains an analysis of the risk of fraud in the management of European funds and certain procedures and policies for containing and monitoring the risk of fraud that can also be used in other processes.

The aim of this declaration is thus to reinforce, from the highest level of ICN2, a policy of zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest, and the declaration is part of a system for the management of fraud, corruption and conflicts of interest intended to prevent and identify such situations so that they can be rectified and improved.

Declaration approved by the Board of Trustees of the Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Foundation (ICN2) on 13 June 2022.