



Climate Economics Chair Statement on Scientific Integrity

1. The objectivity, non-partisanship and scientific rigor of the research undertaken by researchers at the Climate Economics Chair (thereafter CEC) are their most important assets. The CEC is committed to providing researchers with an environment that fosters independent and rigorous research.

Both the users of our research and its sponsors have a right to expect it to be carried out to the highest standards and, therefore, to be submitted to rigorous peer review. The CEC is committed to transparency regarding its sources of funding. The CEC accepts that its sponsors and users, as well as the general public, have a legitimate right to know of any factors that might cause any risk of bias in its research.

To the extent that CEC researchers are also active in discussion about policy matters of public interest, they are committed also to promoting the highest standards of integrity in public debate. The CEC is also committed to ensuring that its scientific reputation is not used to give unwarranted authority to purely partisan assertions.

2. Consistently with these principles, the Board of the CEC declares:

2.1 That it focuses on research about economic policies to tackle the issue of global warming but does not impose institutional views on its researchers, each of whom is free to draw conclusions on the basis of scientific evidence and his/her own value judgments, and to publish such conclusions when and where s/he judges appropriate. All such conclusions and opinions remain the exclusive responsibility of the researchers concerned.

2.2 That in accepting funding from sponsors for the purposes of research, it can neither make any advance commitments as to the conclusions to be drawn from the research, nor be influenced in its choice whether to publish a work or not.

2.3 That in accepting funding from a sponsor it cannot undertake to induce any individual member of the CEC to make available his/her time for additional consulting activity on an individual basis.

2.4 That the results of all research will be eligible for submission for publication in scientific journals except where they concern confidential data, for which a limited exception to the eligibility for publication must be negotiated in advance with the sponsor concerned.

2.5 That all non-proprietary data and all the data processing documents will be conserved to enable the replication of the research works of the members of the CEC and will be made available on request.

2.6 That it will publish on its website a list, to be updated at the end of each calendar year, of its sponsors.

3. Similarly, the CEC expects from each of its members

3.1 That s/he will maintain the highest standards of integrity in the conduct of research.

3.2 That s/he will not allow the conduct or the conclusions of that research to be influenced by partisan objectives, including those of any sources of institutional and/or individual funding s/he may have received.

3.3 That, in the interest of transparency about any possible conflict of interest, s/he will mention in research publications and other public studies his/her affiliation to the CEC and, eventually, which other institutions have funded these works.

3.4 That s/he will make her/his best effort to ensure that any dissemination of his/her research in non-scientific media (press, television, internet blogs etc) does not distort the scientific conclusions of that research for partisan ends.

3.5 That in undertaking any consulting activity linked to climate economics on an individual basis s/he will bear in mind that his/her value as a consultant derives in large measure from the collective scientific reputation of the CEC, and will refrain from any conduct that might cast doubt on his/her scientific integrity or that of other members of the CEC.