

Code of good practices

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa is a publication belonging to a field of study composed of companies and entities whose purpose is to serve the general or social interest, more specifically the social economy. The editorial team of **CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa** considers that the duty of any scientific journal is to ensure the dissemination and sharing of knowledge, guaranteeing rigour and scientific quality with a high ethical commitment. Therefore, we adopt as a reference the Code of Conduct and Best Practices for Journal Editors established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

General duties and responsibilities of editors

In their capacity as the journal's managers, the editors of **CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa** undertake to:

- strive to meet the needs of readers and authors;
- constantly improve the journal;
- ensure the quality of the material they publish;
- champion freedom of expression;
- maintain the academic integrity of the journal's content;
- prevent business interests from compromising intellectual criteria;
- be willing to issue corrections, clarifications, retractions and apologies when necessary.

Editorial good practices for gender equality

The journal is committed to the existence and maintenance of a minimum percentage of 40% women in the joint composition of its bodies and as reviewers of the papers received; to the use of inclusive language in its scientific articles; and to the visibility of their authorship and participation in the original research

Relations with readers

Readers should be informed about who has funded the research and about the role of the financial institution in the research.

Relations with authors

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa is committed to ensuring the quality of the material it publishes, leaving a record of the objectives and standards of the journal, as well as of its different sections.

The editors' decisions to accept or reject a paper for publication should be based solely on the relevance of the paper, its originality and clarity, as well as the relevance of the study in relation to the scope of the journal.

The journal includes a description of the processes followed for the peer review of each paper received, committing to record and justify any significant deviation from the described processes (if any). For all this, the journal has an author's guide that includes everything that is expected of authors. This guide is updated regularly and contains a link to this ethical statement.

Authors' right to appeal against editorial decisions is recognised. The editors will not change their decision in accepting submissions, unless irregularities or extraordinary circumstances are detected. Any change in the members of the editorial team shall not affect the decisions already taken, except in exceptional cases where serious circumstances arise.

Relations with evaluators

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa provides evaluators with a guide to what is expected of them. This guide is updated regularly and contains a link to this ethical code.

The identity of the evaluators is protected at all times, guaranteeing their anonymity.

Peer review process

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa guarantees that the material submitted for publication will be considered as reserved and confidential while it is being evaluated.

Claims

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa undertakes to respond promptly to complaints received and to ensure that dissatisfied parties can channel other complaints. In any case, if the interested parties do not succeed in satisfying their claims, it shall be considered that they have the right to take their protests to other instances.

Encouraging debate

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa accepts the publication of articles that critique other works appearing in the journal. In such cases, the authors of the criticised papers will have the opportunity to reply.

Studies reporting negative results should not be excluded.

Promoting academic integrity

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa ensures that the material it publishes conforms with the internationally accepted ethical standards.

Personal data protection

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa guarantees the confidentiality of personal data (e.g., teachers and/or students participating as collaborators or study subjects in the research presented).

It is the direct responsibility of the authors to ensure the pertinent authorisations are obtained for images (personal photographs, trademarks, etc.) and other data (age, sex, social status, etc.) of persons or commercial products.

Malpractice follow-up

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa assumes its obligation to act accordingly in case of suspicion of malpractice or inappropriate conduct. This obligation extends to both published and unpublished documents. Editors will not only reject manuscripts that raise questions of possible misconduct, but also consider themselves ethically obligated to report suspected cases of misconduct. The journal will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the papers submitted for review are rigorous and ethically appropriate.

Anti-plagiarism policy

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa will guarantee the originality of all manuscripts by using the anti-plagiarism software provided by the Universitat de València. This policy will ensure originality standards and detect resemblance and similarities between texts submitted for publication and those previously published in other sources. If plagiarism is detected, the publication of the manuscript will be discarded.

Academic integrity and rigour

Whenever it becomes known that any published work contains significant inaccuracies or misleading or distorted statements, it should be corrected immediately.

If any work is detected whose content is fraudulent, it will be removed as soon as it becomes known, immediately informing both readers and indexing systems.

Among others, the following are considered unacceptable practices and will be reported as such: the simultaneous submission of the same paper to several journals, the duplicate publication (or with irrelevant changes) of the same paper, or the artificial fragmentation of a paper into several articles.

Relations with journal owners and publishers

The relationship between editors, publishers and owners is often complex, but must always be subject to the principle of editorial independence. **CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa** will always ensure that articles are published on the basis of their quality and suitability for readers, and not for economic or political gain. In this sense, the fact that the journal is not governed by economic interests and defends the ideal of free, universal and open access to knowledge facilitates this independence.

Conflicts of interest

CIRIEC-España, Revista Jurídica de Economía Social y Cooperativa will enable the necessary mechanisms to avoid/solve possible conflicts of interest between authors, reviewers and/or the editorial team itself.

Complaints against editors

Any author, reader, reviewer or editor may refer their complaints to the corresponding competent bodies.