

# T&E Funding Acceptance Policy

T&E is an independent not for profit federation. Our aim is to promote, at national, EU and global level, a transport policy based on the principles of sustainable development. Transport policy should minimise harmful impacts on the environment and health, maximise efficiency of resources, including energy and land, and guarantee safety and sufficient access for all.

To achieve this goal, we consider that our independence and credibility are our greatest assets. We are respected because we say things as they are, because we base our work on facts and because we have no other interest than delivering our mission.

## **Guidelines when seeking and accepting new funding and funders**

Funding from trusts, foundations or governments provides Transport & Environment with the means and resources to deliver its mission and work programme. T&E has no other significant sources of income with no commercial revenues and minimal member contributions.

In this context, while T&E staff are encouraged to pay close attention to “business development” and new funding opportunities, it is essential that the source of the funding does not undermine our independence, the credibility or standing of the organisation, or the broader environmental and climate movement. To this end, T&E has guidelines to be followed at all times:

- T&E is not for hire. We encourage the solicitation of donations for purposes that help T&E develop and fulfill its vision and mission. Such funding should fit within T&E’s goals as defined by our annual work programme and strategy as determined by the board of directors.
- Before accepting funds from any new funder or renewal of an existing donor, T&E staff will complete a due diligence process.
- Following this due diligence process, the potential funder should not be known to have acted in ways that run counter to T&E’s mission or objectives.
- T&E does not accept money from private companies.
- Financial support does not in any way limit our ability to say, write or do what we want, including future criticism of a funding partner.
- If a report, blog or other public communication is authored by us, T&E is responsible for the final text and contents.

- If financial support is used for research purposes, we should ensure T&E is the project leader and is responsible for the commissioning and delivery of the research project. For this we should only use reputable consultants selected according to our tendering guidelines.
- We should ensure that contributions do not lead to perceived impacts on our independence and credibility. The guiding principle here should be that we do not accept any contribution that we would not want to be publicly transparent about.

## **Transparency statement**

T&E is included in the European Union transparency register, our registration number is [58744833263-19](#). Our work programme and financial information is published in full and maintained for full disclosure.

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