

Statement of values and principles of conduct

To make its action in the field of child neurology ever more incisive — the Foundation's mission is to support children, families, and the specialists who deal with both —, the Mariani Foundation has defined its strategies and methods of action, always keeping as a cornerstone the **complementarity** of its action to what is already implemented and available in the public health sphere (national or international) for the treatment of childhood neurological diseases.

The Mariani Foundation pursues the objectives set out by its founder in accordance with a series of values that are reflected in its strategic, managerial and operational choices. With the recognition of its status as a Third Sector Organisation, it supports and is inspired by the principles of transparency, subsidiarity, efficiency, effectiveness and prevention of conflicts of interest with even greater vigour.

The **transparency** of its choices and of the reasons for them is guaranteed by the Board of Directors, which establishes the criteria according to which projects and grants are allocated, along with the relevant application procedures. Projects are evaluated by the Scientific Committee, which verifies the existence and validity of their content, in line with the principles and commitment of the Mariani Foundation in paediatric neurology.

As indicated by the reference to the principle of **subsidiarity**, the Foundation's actions are designed to serve as a stimulus and to promote greater **sustainability**. The Foundation works to support numerous scientific and healthcare institutes through initiatives that are complementary to (and not a substitute for) those of the organisations it has relationships with.

Pursuing **efficiency** means constantly seeking to identify the lowest cost for achieving a given result, in order to ensure the best use of Foundation funds and assets.

Effectiveness is underpinned by careful analysis of requests for support, constant attention to the quality of the initiatives themselves and the fairness of disbursements, and the use of means and resources of a high standard.

The Foundation pays particular attention to the **prevention and management of possible conflicts of interest**, so that every decision is inspired exclusively by its founding values and the general interest. All those involved in the Foundation's activities – in any capacity – are required to declare any conflicts of interest and to refrain from making choices that could compromise their impartiality or independence of judgement. Conflicts of interest are managed in accordance with Article 30 of the **Third Sector Code** (Legislative Decree 117/2017), in compliance with the principles of impartiality, transparency and accountability applicable to entities registered with the **RUNTS** (the National Register of the Third Sector).

All of the Mariani Foundation's principles of conduct are also inspired by the values promoted by the **2030 Agenda**, with particular reference to the Sustainable Development Goals relating to health, equity, education, institutional transparency and cooperation. The adoption of responsible and inclusive practices constitutes a concrete commitment to contributing to a more just and sustainable future.

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