

Publishing Agreement for Contributions to the European Relations Blog

This agreement governs the legal framework for the publication of contributions on the European Relations Blog (hereinafter referred to as the “Platform”) and on other publication platforms specified in this agreement. By signing this agreement, the submitting person (hereinafter referred to as the “Author”) agrees to the following terms and conditions:

Title of the contribution: _____

1. Granting of Usage Rights

1.1. The Author grants the Platform a non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, and royalty-free right to use the submitted contribution. The Author retains full copyright to their submitted contribution.

1.2. The right of use specifically includes the right to:

- a) make the contribution publicly available on the Platform (online publication),
- b) store, reproduce, distribute, and archive the contribution technically,
- c) use the contribution as part of public relations work (e.g. on social media, in newsletters, or print materials), always with proper attribution of authorship,
- d) make translations or editorial adjustments to ensure linguistic or formal consistency (only in consultation with the Author).

2. Warranties and Liability of the Author

2.1. The Author warrants that all information provided about their person and the submitted contribution is complete and truthful.

2.2. The Author further warrants that they are the sole creator of the submitted contribution and possess all necessary rights to grant the usage rights outlined in this agreement.

2.3. The Author assures that the publication does not infringe any third-party rights (e.g. personal rights, rights to images, quoted texts, etc.).

2.4. The platform is exempt from liability for damages caused by the author as a result of the culpable infringement of third-party rights through the contribution.

3. Attribution

The Platform commits to crediting the Author by name with every publication of the contribution, unless otherwise agreed. Deviations from this agreement must be made in writing and attached to this agreement as an annex.

4. Revocation of Publishing Rights

The author may revoke the usage rights granted to the platform at any time and without stating reasons, by submitting written notice (text form) to the platform. The notice of

withdrawal should be sent to: blog@europeanrelations.org or by post to Keplerstraße 19, Hamburg, 22763 Germany.

In the event of a withdrawal, the platform undertakes to remove the contribution from its website without undue delay. However, complete removal of content that has already been distributed (e.g., in print publications, newsletters, or social media posts) cannot be guaranteed in all cases, especially if the contribution is part of a collective work or an extensive publication.

The deletion of the contribution from third-party platforms (e.g., through redistribution by third parties) is the responsibility of the author and cannot be enforced by the platform.

The author may only demand the removal of the original publication in its entirety, as well as of content published by the platform that includes substantial parts of the original contribution.

5. Final Provisions

If any provision of this agreement is or becomes invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany.

6. Co-authorship

If the contribution was jointly authored by more than one person, all co-authors must expressly agree to this usage agreement and confirm their acceptance by signing it individually. The undersigned parties shall be jointly and severally liable for compliance with the obligations set out in this agreement.

Signature of Author:

Date, Name

(Optional) Signature of Co-Author:

Date, Name

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