

# Code of Conduct for Activists

At the Bedexchange program, we believe in fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for activists committed to addressing climate change.

Our platform connects climate activists with hosts offering free accommodation during their travels to Germany for the SBs in June at the UN offices in Bonn. As we work together towards a shared vision of a sustainable future, **activists must uphold principles of efficient communication, respect, safety, and responsibility.**

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## Core Principles:

### 1. Communication

Clear, honest, and timely communication is the foundation of a successful match between an activist and their host.

1. **Update your profile:** Ten days before we start matching, we ask you again to update your profile. You can **log in again with the same e-mail address as used before** to update us about accreditation, travel plans, Visa, ...
2. **Contact your host right after the match:** After being matched with a host, you must accept the match **within five days**. If you do not respond within this time frame, the match will be withdrawn, and your host will be matched with a new activist.
3. **Maintain efficient communication:** Once matched, please agree on a preferred social media platform for ongoing communication with your host (e.g., WhatsApp, Telegram, signal). Maintain regular and honest communication to ensure everything goes smoothly. Failure to do so will result in the match being withdrawn.
4. **Notify your host of issues:** In case of any issues with your visa, flight, or travel schedule, **notify the Bedexchange team and your host as soon as possible**. Timely communication helps your host make any necessary adjustments or preparations.
5. **Contact Bedexchange for assistance:** If you experience any difficulties reaching out to your host or if there are issues during your stay, please get in touch with us at Bedexchange. We are here to support you in resolving any challenges.

## Core Principles:

### 2. Respect

Mutual respect is crucial for fostering a positive experience for both activists and hosts. Please keep the following in mind:

1. **Do not demand additional support:** Your host is **not** responsible for providing food, transport, SIM cards, or a per diem unless they voluntarily offer these. Please **do not demand or ask for these extras**.
2. **Respect house rules:** Every host has their own house rules. Please ensure you respect these, including things like noise levels, curfew times, and house chores. If you need to come back late, please **communicate with your host** in advance. This will help them plan accordingly.
3. **Take only what is given:** Do not take anything from your host's home unless they have explicitly given it to you.



## Core Principles:

### 3. Responsibility

We recognize that activists and hosts come from different cultural backgrounds, and mutual understanding is key to a positive experience. Here's what we expect from you:

1. **Politeness and consideration:** Always be courteous. Take the time to greet your host when you arrive, and if necessary, apologize if you've made any mistakes (e.g., for being late or causing inconvenience).
2. **Respect differences:** Be mindful that there may be cultural differences between you and your host. Approach these differences with an open mind and a willingness to learn and adapt.
3. **Respect personal space:** Your hosts most probably have to work in the morning. Please respect the schedule of your host family.

