

Principles of operation of the Information and Consultation Center (hereinafter: the Center) operating within the Religious Freedom Laboratory (hereinafter: the Laboratory)

1. The aim of the Center is to conduct information and consultancy activities in the field of freedom of conscience and religion.
 - a) The Center provides information on freedom of conscience and religion, citizens' rights and legal regulations in this regard, protection of these rights and freedoms, institutions established to protect them, as well as on violations of religious rights and freedoms, the phenomenon of religious intolerance, Christianophobia, persecution Christians in Poland and abroad, forms of persecution and other manifestations of intolerance and hatred (discrimination, persecution, verbal violence, physical attacks, etc.) due to the professed religious worldview, differences in the so-called hard and soft persecution, specificity of the increasing number of cases of persecution and other acts violating the religious freedom of Christians in Poland and Western countries.
 - b) The Center also provides information on possible measures to counteract the persecution, discrimination, intolerance and hatred due to the declared worldview, including values related to Christianity.
 - c) The Center provides information materials on the freedom of conscience and religion.
 - d) The center conducts consultations on violations of the freedom of conscience and religion – both concerning individuals and other entities. The center provides consultations, advice and opinions.
2. As part of its activities, the Center also provides help and support to people whose religious freedom has been violated or who have been affected by a crime against the freedom of conscience and religion, to the extent and in the form set out in these Principles.
3. The activities of the Center include the following forms:
 - a) providing information and information materials on the freedom of conscience and religion and the protection of this freedom;
 - b) answering questions concerning the issues of freedom of conscience and religion and the protection of this freedom;
 - c) consulting specific cases and matters (both general and individual);
 - d) drawing up opinions.
4. Consultations, opinions and advice provided as part of the activities of the Center are made in writing (traditional or electronic).
5. Any consultations, opinions and advice given by the Center are made at the sole risk of the person seeking them. If, as a result of issuing an opinion / advice or lack of it, a damage would arise, then (except for its deliberate damage) any liability for damages of the Laboratory and its employees is excluded.
6. As part of its activities, the Center does not represent people reporting to the Center before the court or other authorities, and does not deal with the preparation of pleadings.
7. If the case reported to the Center is pending before the court, the employees of the Laboratory serving the Center are not entitled to refuse to testify regarding this case; they are also not entitled to refuse to answer a question from a court, public prosecutor or other authorized body.
8. In some cases, the Center may, with the prior consent of the person requesting help, join the proceedings in accordance with the rules applicable to a social organization (if legally permissible) or prepare a legal opinion for the court (the so-called *amicus curiae* opinion). In

such cases, the Center acts as an organization working to respect the freedom of conscience and religion and thus does not represent the person who comes to the Center for help.

9. The Center reserves the right to refuse to issue an opinion or refuse to provide consultations.
10. The Center cooperates with other organizations working for the freedom of conscience and religion.
11. The activities of the Laboratory within which the Center operates, are financed from the Justice Fund, which is administered by the Minister of Justice.
12. All activities of the Center are free of charge.
13. People reporting to the Center undertake to provide all information truthfully and not to mislead the employees of the Center.
14. People reporting to the Center are also required to provide their personal data, as well as confirm that they have read and accept the Rules of the Center.
15. People reporting to the Center in a separate declaration consent to the collection and processing of personal data, as well as to the collection of information on reported cases and the processing of this information for the purposes of the Center and the Laboratory. The Center and the Laboratory reserve the right to collect, process and use this data within the scope of their activities.
16. The Center ensures that it makes every effort to ensure the security of the data of people reporting to the Center and to respect their rights. Personal data is processed in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and the repeal of Directive 95/46/EC.