

## News

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### **Cotecna becomes a member of Transparency International Switzerland**

In July 2007 Cotecna became a member of Transparency International – Switzerland

Founded in 1993, Transparency International (TI) is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. TI raises the awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it. [www.transparency.org](http://www.transparency.org)

Transparency International Switzerland, whose HQ is in Bern, was founded in 1995 and has more than 130 members. Its main activities focus on information, prevention and lobbying. [www.transparency.ch](http://www.transparency.ch).

Cotecna's membership to TI-Switzerland confirms our commitment to placing business ethics and compliance above any commercial consideration. We honour our contractual and business obligations through uncompromising dedication to our clients' requirements and by adopting the highest professional and ethical standards. To this end, a Business Ethics & Compliance programme has been implemented throughout our network of offices since January 2004. Parts of this programme were developed based on the "TI/SAI Business Principles for Countering Bribery" (December, 2002) published by Transparency International and Social Accountability International

The principles and rules of the Cotecna Business Ethics & Compliance Code apply to all Group activities and address technical and business professional conduct and ethics in relation to the following areas: Integrity, Conflicts of interest, Confidentiality, Anti-bribery, and Fair marketing. For more information click on [Cotecna's Business Ethics and Compliance](#) webpage.

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