

## Code of Ethics

**The European Doula Network (EDN) was established in 2011 to connect doula organisations across Europe and share a common code of Ethics.**

**Doulas support parents and families in their choices in pregnancy, childbirth and early parenting.**

*A member association, training course [or friend] of the EDN agrees to the following definition of the role and ethics of a doula:*

Doulas provide emotional and practical support to parents and families.

Doulas do not perform clinical tasks, make medical diagnoses or give advice.

Doulas support informed choice and informed consent, without directing parents' decision-making.

Doulas conduct themselves with integrity and transparency with respect to their experience, skills, and boundaries.

Doulas respect the privacy of clients and hold in confidence all information obtained.

Doulas treat parents and families and all other professionals with respect and courtesy.

Doulas engage in continued personal and professional development.

Doulas contribute to local and wider communities.

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