

EPCN Website Moderation Guidelines 2026

1. Purpose

The EPCN (European Pond Conservation Network) website is a professional platform for sharing news, knowledge, experience, and dialogue related to pond research, conservation, and management across Europe and beyond. Moderation aims to ensure discussions remain respectful, relevant, and constructive.

2. Scope

These guidelines apply to all user-generated content on the EPCN website, including news, comments, forum posts, shared resources, and event-related discussions.

3. Acceptable Content

Content should:

- Be relevant to pond ecology, conservation, policy, management, or related research
- Be respectful, professional, informative and inclusive
- Contribute to discussion or knowledge exchange in a constructive and meaningful way
- Acknowledge sources and references where appropriate and respect intellectual property

4. Unacceptable Content

The following may be moderated, edited, or removed:

- Offensive, discriminatory or abusive language
- Personal insults, harassment or offensive remarks
- Spam, advertisement, or promotional content not related to EPCN activities
- Misinformation, especially on scientific or policy issues
- Content violating copyright, privacy, or other applicable laws

5. Moderation Actions

Moderators may:

- Remove or edit content that transgresses the boundaries set out above
- Temporarily or permanently restrict user access in case of repeated or serious violations
- Request clarification or revisions from users when appropriate

Moderation decisions are made to protect the integrity and objectives of the EPCN community.

6. Transparency and Contact

Where feasible, users will be informed if their content is moderated. Questions or concerns about moderation can be directed to the EPCN website administrators (europaean@pond-conservation.net).

7. Review and Updates

Before new information is posted, the content is reviewed by at least two committee members. The moderation guidelines are reviewed and updated annually to ensure they remain appropriate.