

The EBU Ethics Committee Report 5th April 2024

The EBU Ethics Committee is composed of women and men from different countries and Buddhist traditions, with relevant professional experience. It has continued to meet every few months on Zoom.

Recently we have been looking at information we have received about allegations of unethical sexual behaviour by male teachers/leaders in a very small number of Buddhist organisations in Europe.

These organisations are not members of the EBU and therefore the EBU does not have formal direct authority in relation to them. However, the organisations are members of their National Unions, which themselves are members of the EBU.

We are ensuring that

- a) where they may be criminal the allegations have been reported to the police and
- b) the respective national unions are taking responsible action in relation to these organisations, as appropriate.

We are also looking at possible improvements to the EBU Code of Ethics and Complaints procedure 2023.