

Annex 8. Ethics

General requirements

Proposals need to comply with

2. **HORIZON EUROPE Ethics principles** (Charter of EU Fundamental Rights)
3. **The General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679)**, protecting citizens' privacy and increasing the responsibility when processing personal data
4. **The National legal, ethics requirements and codes of conduct**

Compliance to ethics principles is one of the evaluation criteria of submitted proposals

Proposals need to:

- 1° **identify** the ethics issues raised by the proposal, and
- 2° **explain** his/her approach to manage these issue(s).

Please note that an interesting research project will often raise ethics issues. What is important for the evaluation is to explain how each of those issues will be addressed and managed in the project.

Main Ethics issues: summary

- **HUMANS:** Define Informed Consent procedures and participants recruitment criteria (in training , co-creation, use cases, tool validation,...).
- **PERSONAL DATA:** Build General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance procedures (when collecting/processing personal data from team members and external stakeholders).
- **ENVIRONMENT:** Ensure safe handling of endangered flora and fauna (local protocols).
- **NON-EU countries:** Ensure local legislation is respected and demonstrate capacity building for local communities/researchers.
- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** Ensure the chosen AI techniques are trustworthy, do not integrate features discriminating /stigmatizing people.

Ethics issues table

- **Ethics issues Table:** to be filled by each proposal (Horizon Europe template) and a free text section allowing the proposer to include comments/explanations. [Link](#) to template
- **Supporting material :** Horizon Europe Guidance note about filling the Ethics issues table - [Link](#) to the guidance note

For any question

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