**Ethics Issues**

Compliance with the relevant ethics provisions is essential from the beginning to the end of the project and is an integral part of research funded by the European Union within Horizon 2020.

Applicants submitting research proposals for funding within Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions in Horizon 2020 should demonstrate proactively to the REA that they are aware of and will comply with European and national legislation and fundamental ethical principles, including those reflected in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union[[1]](#footnote-1) and the European Convention on Human Rights and its Supplementary Protocols.

In order to identify ethical issues at an early point in the application process, all applicants are required to fill in the Ethical issues table. Furthermore, applicants are requested to explain ethical issues arising from their proposed research in detail in the project outline.

Please be aware that it is the applicant´s responsibility to identify any potential ethical issue, to handle the ethical aspects of the proposal and to detail how these aspects will be addressed.

**Ethical Issues Table**

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| EMBRYOS/FOETUSES | YES |
| Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?? |[ ]
| Does your research involve the use of human embryos?  |[ ]
| Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?  |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| HUMANS | YES |
| Does your research involve human participants? Yes No |[ ]
| Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants? Yes No |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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|  HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES | YES |
| Does your research involve human cells or tissues (other than from Human Embryos/ Foetuses)? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| PERSONAL DATA | YES |
| Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?  |[ ]
| Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| ANIMALS | YES |
| Does your research involve animals? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| THIRD COUNTRIES | YES |
| In case non-EU countries are involved, do the research related activities undertaken in |[ ]
| these countries raise potential ethics issues? |[ ]
| Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic |[ ]
| material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? (v) |[ ]
| Do you plan to import any material from non-EU countries into the EU? |[ ]
| Do you plan to export any material from the EU to non-EU countries? |[ ]
| If your research involves low and/or lower middle income countries, are benefits-sharing measures foreseen? |[ ]
| Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH and SAFETY | YES |
| Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants? |[ ]
| Does your research deal with endangered fauna and/or flora and/or protected areas?  |[ ]
| Does your research involve the use of elements that may cause harm to humans, including research staff? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| DUAL USE | YES |
| Does your research have the potential for military applications? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| MISUSE | YES |
| Does your research have the potential for malevolent/criminal/terrorist abuse? |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| OTHER ETHICS ISSUES  | YES |
| Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Please specify |[ ]
| I CONFIRM THAT **NONE** OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLY TO MY PROPOSAL |[ ]

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| Personal Information |  |
| Name |  |
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| Project title |  |
| Date |  |

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)