

FIAS Fellows' Commitments on Communication and Ethics

Communication

The FIAS Fellowship Programme is co-funded by the European Union's Horizon research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (COFUND Programme). As a FIAS fellow, you are therefore considered as a Marie-Curie Fellow and are entitled to request a Marie-Curie Award certificate at the end of your fellowship (The FIAS Programme Officer will send you a reminder in due time).

Consequently, all publications, conferences, presentations, etc, resulting from the work carried out during the FIAS fellowship must clearly mention the support of the FIAS Fellowship Programme and be branded "Co-funded by the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme of the European Union under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA COFUND)".

Ethics

In line with the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions regulations, the FIAS Fellowship Programme is founded on shared values such as the need to ensure freedom of research and the need to work in the interest of the physical and moral integrity of individuals.

As a FIAS Fellow, you commit to fully comply with the European Commission ethical provisions on privacy, data protection, confidentiality and intellectual property rules and with the European Commission's Ethics regulation for Researchers.

You are bound to indicate to the FIAS Fellowship Programme Officers any possible ethical issue raised by the cofunded research during the fellowship. Please fill the following form:

Ethics Issues Table

1. Human Embryonic Stem Cells and Human Embryos		Page
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2. Humans		Page
Does this activity involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, etc.) on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) ? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
3. Human Cells / Tissues (not covered by section 1)		Page
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
4. Personal Data		Page
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
5. Animals		Page
Does this activity involve animals?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
6. Non-EU Countries		Page
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
It is planned 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.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve low and/or lower middle income countries , (if yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned in the self-assessment)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
7. Environment, Health and Safety		Page

Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants.(during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact) ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity.(during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact) ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
8. Artificial Intelligence		Page
Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
9. Other Ethics Issues		Page
Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment as described in the guidelines How to Complete your Ethics Self-Assessment		<input type="checkbox"/>

Example, not to be completed

Ethics Self-Assessment

Ethical dimension of the objectives, methodology and likely impact

Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:

- objectives of the activities (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, etc.)
- methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children, protection of personal data, etc.)
- the potential impact of the activities (e.g. environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse, etc.)

Remaining characters

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Compliance with ethical principles and relevant legislations

Describe how the issue(s) identified in the ethics issues table above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU countries, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.

Remaining characters

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Security issues table

1. EU Classified Information (EUCI) ²		Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials requiring protection against unauthorised disclosure (EUCI)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
2. Misuse		Page
Does this activity have the potential for misuse of results?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
3. Other Security Issues		Page
Does this activity involve information and/or materials subject to national security restrictions? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are there any other security issues that should be taken into consideration? If yes, please specify: (Maximum number of characters allowed: 1000)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

²According to the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information, "European Union classified information (EUCI) means any information or material designated by an EU security classification, the unauthorised disclosure of which could cause varying degrees of prejudice to the interests of the European Union or of one or more of the Member States".

³Classified background information is information that is already classified by a country and/or international organisation and/or the EU and is going to be used by the project. In this case, the project must have in advance the authorisation from the originator of the classified information, which is the entity (EU institution, EU Member State, third state or international organisation) under whose authority the classified information has been generated.

⁴EU classified foreground information is information (documents/deliverables/materials) planned to be generated by the project and that needs to be protected from unauthorised disclosure. The originator of the EUCI generated by the project is the European Commission.

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In compliance with the European Commission's Code of Ethics for Researchers, the fields of research on human embryo and foetus, on humans, on animals, and human cloning are excluded from the Programme.

Non-compliance with any of the Ethics requirements listed would automatically make your research-project ineligible to the FIAS Fellowship Programme.

I hereby confirm that all the information in the above Ethics issues table is true and correct.

I have reviewed the communication statements and I agree to mention the FIAS Fellowship Programme and the Marie Curie Actions, in all publications resulting from the work carried out during the FIAS fellowship.

Name

Signature

Place, date