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Executive summary

The purpose of this Deliverable 7.1 is to provide detailed information on the informed consent procedures that will be implemented for the participation of human research participants, including the information about the management of informed consent forms. As the VISION project does not deal with human research participants, this report is only a confirmation of understanding the ethical rules and requirements.

1 Introduction

VISION hereby acknowledges that ethics is given the highest priority in EU funded research and that activities carried out under Horizon 2020 must comply with ethical principles and relevant national, EU and international legislation, such as the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights.

VISION hereby also acknowledges that pursuant to the Grant Agreement the beneficiaries must carry out the action in compliance with:

- a) ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and including avoiding fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct), and
- b) applicable international, EU and national law.

1.1 Purpose and structure of the document

The purpose of this document is to make clear whether human participants will be used in the research across the project. It will provide information on the following where available:

- the procedures and criteria that will be used to identify/recruit research participants;
- informed consent procedures that will be implemented for the participation of humans;
- templates of the informed consent/assent forms and information sheets (in language and terms intelligible to the participants);
- details on incidental findings policy;
- copies of opinions/approvals by ethics committees and/or competent authorities for any research with humans.

2 General principles

In the conduct of the study, VISION will observe the following principles of responsibility toward (research) participants:

- respecting the integrity and dignity of persons,
- voluntary nature of participation,
- provision of information on the context of the study,
- provision of a project information sheet,
- the right to withdraw from the study,
- anonymity,
- respecting the principle of proportionality – not to impose more than necessary on the participants, as well as not going beyond stated objectives,
- considering the concerns research raises and building an understanding that all benefits of this research are for the good of society,

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- protection from harm and discomfort.

2.1 Research participants

Studies in the VISION project will not involve participants or healthy volunteers.

2.2 Recruitment

The VISION project will not be recruiting external individuals as project participants.

2.3 Informed consent of participants

Informed consent for the collection and processing of personal data will be obtained. Individuals will be fully informed and asked for their consent before collecting personal data concerning CVs and affiliations, datasets even though publicly available, e.g., social media content, like Twitter and Facebook, images, blogs, posts. Templates of the informed consent forms and information sheets relevant to the storage and processing of personal data must be kept on file. All data and documents will be properly stored. Informed consent also will be obtained to ask individuals consent for secondary use. If data will be stored for future use in other experiments, explicitly state whether this is for follow-up research or independent other research.