Ethics @ EPFL
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*See the EU-RRI web-site: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/responsible-research-innovation

Image: RRI Tools project briefing sheet: https://www.rii-tools.eu/
How to obtain ethical clearance for projects at EPFL?

Ethics Institutional Review

Internal Commissions
- Human Research Ethics Comm. (HREC)
- Safety, Prevention & Health (DSPS)
- ReO Ethics Affairs (Esther van der Velde)
- DSPS (Eric du Pasquier)

External Commissions
- Cant. Ethics Commissions (CER-VD, CCER)
- Cantonal Veterinarian Offices
- Fed. Office for the Environment (FOEN)
- Fed. Office of Public Health (FOPH)
- SECO
- Center of Pheno-Genomics (Xavier Warot)
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- TTO Legal Counsels (Françoise Chardonnens)

Outcome: Ethical authorizations
Training initiatives

On-line training:

Face-to-face training:
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Awareness-raising initiatives

Workshops/events:

- Ethical issues in Grant Applications and how to obtain ethical clearance of your Research Projects? (May 2015, bi-annual)

- Ethics and social issues in research practice – ‘EPFL Fellows’ workshop (for postdocs, annual: October 2015, June 2016)

- Ethics in Sponsored Research (date tbc – funding bodies to be invited: SNSF, EU)

- How to submit an application for ethical approval to the CER-VD / Cantonal Veterinarian authorities? (date tbc)

ReO Ethics web-site: http://research-office.epfl.ch/research-ethics-integrity

- Info on ethical issues, checklists, guidance, links, etc.
EPFL Compliance Guide

- EPFL – culture of responsibility, respect and autonomy.
- Compliance with legal requirements and internal directives.
- Guide is orientation tool for EPFL community.
- Overview of most important areas of governance (for example: Human Resources, Security, prevention and health, Finances, IT Security and data protection, Research funding, Data management, Research integrity, Export laws, Publications, etc.).
- To be distributed on large scale to whole EPFL community.
Research Integrity – plagiarism, citation, falsification, etc.

Scientific Integrity

Lex on Research Integrity

Awareness & Prevention
Research Office / Library

Breach
Ombudsperson / President Research Commission / Délégué
Thank you for your attention!