

# **FNWI Ethics Committee (FEC)**

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- prof. dr. ir. Cees de Laat (chair)
- prof. dr. Yde Venema
- prof. dr. Ronald Koes
- Secr: drs. Eric Sennema MPA
- More members tba



# Charter

The committee has been commissioned to carry out, at the request of researchers and lecturers, assessments of research that could be susceptible to vulnerabilities of an ethical nature.

The FEC advises authorities - institute and education directors, dean - who ultimately decide on admissibility or any measures to be taken.

# Why obtain advice?

The three main research risks are the same for many disciplines and are all best assessed in advance:

- Risks tied to social attitudes: are there any issues connected to the research that run counter to prevalent ethical viewpoints in the community or society?
- Risks tied to the protection of the researcher's own legal interests: could the research lead to criminal prosecution, and, if so, how can this risk be minimized?
- Risks arising from dual use or unintended use of research results.

# Scope

- The FEC does not perform reviews of theoretical, experimental and applied research proposals with, in the opinion of the investigator, have no impact for the integrity of subjects and objects of research (such as humans and animals), and have no social consequences for public safety, the environment and public health.
- The FEC does not examine aspects of research that are already examined under ethical legislation, such as the Medical Scientific Research Act (WMO) by a Medical Ethics Review Committee (METC), or the Animal Testing Act (WoD) by an Animal Experiments Commission (DEC) .
- The FEC does not examine research proposals that fall under a sectoral ethics committee (SEC), which may be set up by one or more institutes of the faculty (e.g. the ECIS).

# GDPR

- Most ethical cases also involve personal data
- GDPR == LAW --> go to UvA legal service
- FG = Functionaris Gegevensbescherming
  - mr. Menno Jehee
- Encrypt, Anonymize, Proportional
- Responsible Disclosure
- The FEC does not advice on solely GDPR related issues.

# Portal

- University board request all R&E checked
- EU/NWO sometimes request statements.
- Need for scalable approach
- Portal developed by FMG generalized by ICTS

# Related committees

- **Ethics Committee**

- Algemene Instellingsgebonden Ethische Commissie (AIEC)
- The Ethics Committee of the University of Amsterdam was established in 2002. The AIEC advises the Executive Board on guidelines with respect to ethical issues pertaining to the University's activities.
- Yde Venema is member.

- **Chairs of the various UvA Ethical Committees**

- Cees de Laat is member.

- **Ethical Committee for the Information Sciences (ECIS)**

- UvA – VU – CWI
- Has a delegated committee for one of the masters
- Cees de Laat is chair.



# Questions?

- <https://medewerker.uva.nl/en/science/content-secured/az/faculty-of-science-ethics-committee-fec/faculty-of-science-ethics-committee-fec.html>
- <http://delaat.net/fec>
- <http://delaat.net/ecis>
- To get in touch with the Faculty Ethics Committee, please contact the committee secretary, Eric Sennema.

