

EXPERT'S ETHICAL, LEGAL AND SOCIETAL ASPECTS (ELSA) REPORT

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Name of primary coordinator contact and organisation:	//
Name(s) of expert(s):	
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1. Background

Background

In line with the provisions of the Grant Agreement, the consortium has provided the following document:

D1.1. Interim Progress Review

2. Scope of the assessment

Scope of the assessment

The present report has the scope to provide an ELSA assessment of the above mentioned document submitted by the consortium, by providing an opinion and possible

¹ 'Project' means the same thing as 'action'.

recommendations.

[insert text]

Complement the definition of the scope of the assessment, if needed.

3. Assessment

Opinion

The evaluation was subject to PYTHIA Interim Progress Review.

It is important to underline the strong commitment of the entire PYTHIA team to achieve the goals set in the field of ELSA.

It is worth emphasizing the role that Consortium applies to the Code of Conduct.

In addition, the preparation of Information Sheet to inform people participating in the workshops is very valuable and a Non Disclosure Agreement that complements the entire procedure legally. However, the most valuable change made by the Consortium is the extension of ELSA review to the whole lifecycle of the Project.

In addition, the Consortium proposed an early warning system for the ELSA threat. Each researcher is required to deal with the issue at the beginning of the research

It was also implemented Security Sensitivity Assessment procedure which assures that no sensitive information would be included in the publications and deliverables of the PYTHIA project.

Since its inclusion in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the right to freedom of opinion and expression has been protected in all of the relevant international human rights treaties. In international law, freedom to express opinions and ideas is considered essential at both an individual level, insofar as it contributes to the full development of a person, and being a foundation stone of democratic society. Free speech is a necessary precondition to the enjoyment of other rights, such as the right to vote, free assembly and freedom of association, and is essential to ensure press freedom. However, there are concerns about confidentiality in the statements of experts invited to a meeting at the Military Club in Sofia. Are there transcripts from this meeting? On page 62, it was noted that the experts filled out the questionnaires. What questionnaires? What were the questions and to what extent did they affect ELSA issues?

Article 10 of the Human Rights Act: Freedom of expression says that all people possess freedom of expression, and you can give opinion, but you also have a duty to behave

responsibility. Some issue touching security must be protected. During the debate, was the information protected in an appropriate manner, assuming a free exchange of opinions?

Last recommendation to task leaders to provide the deliverable with the ELSA checklist to the Board in due time, in order to allow the Board to correctly review it and to avoid further delay is extremely valuable for PYTHIA Project.

In summary, Interim Progress Review is a very good document that meets the requirements and evaluation criteria. It is important that the Consortium pays special attention to ELSA problems from the very beginning.

It is to be hoped that in the next stages of the project ELSA issues will be broken up with similar accuracy as before.

Recommendations

[OPTION 1: To improve the implementation, the following changes are recommended:

- D1.1 — amendment is needed following the comments
- [insert change] — no amendment is needed
- [insert change] — amendment is needed]

[OPTION 2: Not applicable]

Other comments

Please pay special attention to the time needed for testing. Please stick to the schedule. We can agree that at this stage of the project the result will not affect people's beliefs. I recommend, however, in the next stages of research, pay special attention to this element.

Annexes:

