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Executive Summary

The purpose of this deliverable is to provide the information concerning the opinions/approvals by ethics committees required in the Ethics Summary Report sent by the European Commission on 21st November 2019. This deliverable contains the ethics approvals/positive opinions from ITFLOWS Consortium Partners involved in the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (T.3.4). The participation of vulnerable individuals in this research activity entails the highest potential ethical risks in the context of ITFLOWS. The three NGOs that will conduct the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana (CRI), Open Cultural Center (OCC) and Oxfam Italia (OIT) – have been requested to identify the competent ethics authority of their institution and provide their ethics positive opinion/approval before conducting the interviews. Besides, the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), involved in the design of the interviews and qualitative analysis, has also been asked to identify its competent ethics authority with the aim of providing the ethics approval/opinion.

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Abbreviations

CRI: Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana

DPA: Data Protection Advisor

IAI: Istituto Affari Internazionali

IDT-UAB: Institut de Dret i Tecnologia - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona /
Institute of Law and Technology of the Autonomous University of Barcelona

IEB: Independent Ethics Board

NGO: Non-Governmental Organisation

OCC: Open Cultural Center

OIT: Oxfam Italia Onlus

Introduction

In the ITFLOWS project, several activities involving human participants have been planned; namely, workshops, seminars, webinars, online forums and interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Unlike other activities involving professionals and stakeholders who are not in a situation of vulnerability, the interviews conducted within ITFLOWS require a more careful and individualised approach.

Given that the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers entail the highest potential ethical risks in the context of ITFLOWS, the ethics lead partner of the project (IDT-UAB) has sought ethics positive opinions/approvals from ITFLOWS Partners involved in these interviews (T.3.4) in order to comply with the imposed ethics requirement n° 2. This is the solution adopted by the ethics lead partner to overcome the difficulties of obtaining an ethics approval/opinion of a national competent authority for the research with humans: i) lack of existence; ii) lack of expertise; and, iii) lack of jurisdiction of such national competent authorities.

Therefore, the three NGOs that will conduct the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana (CRI) Open Cultural Center (OCC) and Oxfam Italia (OIT) – have been requested to identify the competent ethics authority within their institution and to provide an ethics opinion/approval before the start of the interviews. In addition, the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), tasked with preparing the interview grids and performing the qualitative analysis of the interviews (T.3.4) and coordinating WP3 tasks and ensuring methodological and analytical complementarity and coherence (T.3.5) has also been asked to identify its competent ethics authority with the aim of providing the ethics approval/opinion.

The following internal bodies have been identified by the abovementioned ITFLOWS Partners as competent Ethics Authorities: the President of Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana (CRI), the Open Cultural Center Internal Ethics Committee (OCC), the Oxfam Italia Safeguarding Committee (OIT) and the IAI Supervisory Board (IAI).

SECTION 1 – Copies of opinions/approvals by ethics committees and/or competent authorities for the research with humans

With the aim of ensuring that the identified Ethics Authorities had all the necessary information to provide such an opinion/approval, the ethics lead partner (IDT-UAB) submitted to the involved ITFLOWS Partners, a request letter signed by the Coordinator of the ITFLOWS Project informing the Ethics Authorities of the aim of the ITFLOWS Project and the ethical requirement imposed by the Ethical Panel of the European Commission regarding the submission of an opinion/approval by a competent Ethics Authority (see Annex 1). In addition to this request, an information package was also attached. This information package contained the following documents to be reviewed and assessed by the Ethics Authorities in order to provide an informed ethics opinion/approval:

- The **specific ethical guidelines for conducting the interviews** contained in Deliverable 2.1 (D2.1) provided by the ethical lead partner (IDT-UAB). (See Section 5 of D2.1).
- The **Recruitment Plan** for the interviews focusing on the recruitment of the interviewing team and the research participants. This Recruitment Plan can be found in Section 3 of D10.1 and has been designed by the ethical lead partner of the Project (IDT-UAB) in close collaboration with all the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) in charge of conducting the interviews.
- The **Incidental Findings Policy** designed for the Project, in particular for providing specific guidelines to the interviewing team in order to address incidental findings in the context of the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. (See Section 5 of D10.1).
- Information regarding the procedures for obtaining **informed consent** from the research participants. (See Section 1 of D10.1).

- A detailed explanation of the **anonymisation techniques** that will be used to ensure the effective protection of personal data gathered during the interviews. (See Section 4 of D10.3).
- The **Gender Policy** specifically designed to be applied in the ITFLOWS project. (See Section 6 of D10.1).

Annex 2 of this Deliverable includes all signed and dated ethics positive opinions/approvals from the identified competent Ethics Authorities for the conduct of interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Particularly, Annex 2 contains the ethics positive opinions/approvals from the President of Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana (CRI), The Open Cultural Center Internal Ethics Committee (OCC), Oxfam Italia Safeguarding Committee (OIT) and IAI Supervisory Board (IAI).

This procedure, as well as the documents contained in the information package, have been reviewed and approved by the ITFLOWS Independent Ethics Board (IEB) and the ITFLOWS Data Protection Advisor (DPA). Approval letters signed by the members of the IEB and the DPA can be found in Annex 3.

ANNEX 1 – Request letters signed by ITFLOWS Project Coordinator

- Request letters signed by ITFLOWS Project Coordinator to CRI:



Bellaterra, 27th January 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you, in my position as Coordinator of the European funded H2020 Project *ITFLOWS- IT Tools and Methods for Managing Migration Flows (GA N. 882986)*-, about the upcoming start of the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in the countries of arrival foreseen in the context of Work Package 3, Task 3.4 of the Project.

A set of interviews will be conducted by your organisation in different locations in Italy, and due to the nature of such activities, we hereby ask for your assistance in order to implement this task with the utmost respect for the highest ethical standards and legal framework specifically identified and applicable to the Project. The ITFLOWS Consortium and myself as Coordinator are fully aware that the ITFLOWS Project entails risks on human participation, the processing of personal data, and the potential misuse of the Project results.

The aim of ITFLOWS Project is threefold: i) to provide accurate migration predictions; ii) to equip practitioners and policy makers involved in the various stages of migration management with adequate methods via the EUMigraTool (EMT); and, iii) to propose solutions for reducing potential conflicts and tensions between migrants and EU citizens by taking into account a wide range of human factors and using multiple sources of information.

To fulfil the ethical requirements imposed by the Ethical Panel of the European Commission REA (funding authority), prior to starting Task 3.4, a **positive opinion/approval** from the body/person in charge of ethical matters within your organisation must be obtained.

In order to ensure that you have all the necessary information to provide such an opinion/approval we attach to this request an information package of the Project containing:

- i) The specific ethical guidelines for conducting the interviews contained in Deliverable 2.1 (D.2.1) provided by the ethical lead partner (IDT-UAB).
- ii) The Recruitment Plan for the interviews, focussing on the recruitment of the research interviewing team and the research participants. It has been designed by the ethical lead partner of the Project (IDT-UAB) in close collaboration with all the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) in charge of conducting such interviews.
- iii) The Incidental Findings Policy designed for the Project, and in particular for providing specific guidelines to the interviewing team in order to address

- incidental findings in the context of the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
- iv) Information regarding the procedures for obtaining informed consent from the research participants.
 - v) A detailed explanation on the anonymisation techniques that will be used in order to ensure an effective protection of personal data gathered during the interviews.
 - vi) The Gender Policy specifically designed to be applied in the ITFLOWS project.

Might you require any further information on the Project, its objectives and measures to be adopted to ensure compliance with the ethical framework applicable to the Project, please do not hesitate to contact the ethical lead partner of ITFLOWS, Dr. Emma Teodoro (emma.teodoro@uab.cat) and the ITFLOWS Data Protection Advisor, Dr. Jonathan Andrew (jonathan.andrew@geneva-academy.ch) at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Cristina Blasi Casagran
Coordinator of the ITFLOWS Project

- Request letters signed by ITFLOWS Project Coordinator to OCC:



Bellaterra, 27th January 2021

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A set of interviews will be conducted by your organisation in different locations in Greece and Spain, and due to the nature of such activities, we hereby ask for your assistance in order to implement this task with the utmost respect for the highest ethical standards and legal framework specifically identified and applicable to the Project. The ITFLOWS Consortium and myself as Coordinator are fully aware that the ITFLOWS Project entails risks on human participation, the processing of personal data, and the potential misuse of the Project results.

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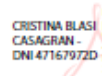
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Yours sincerely,

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- Request letters signed by ITFLOWS Project Coordinator to OIT:



Bellaterra, 27th January 2021

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A set of interviews will be conducted by your organisation in different locations in Italy, and due to the nature of such activities, we hereby ask for your assistance in order to implement this task with the utmost respect for the highest ethical standards and legal framework specifically identified and applicable to the Project. The ITFLOWS Consortium and myself as Coordinator are fully aware that the ITFLOWS Project entails risks on human participation, the processing of personal data, and the potential misuse of the Project results.

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A set of interviews will be conducted by NGOs in different locations in Spain, Greece, and Italy. In this regard, the role of Istituto Affari Internazionali is to ensure coordination between the partners of Work Package 3, where the interviews are framed. Due to the nature of this research activity, we hereby ask for your assistance in order to implement this task with the utmost respect for the highest ethical standards and legal framework specifically identified and applicable to the Project. The ITFLOWS Consortium and myself as Coordinator are fully aware that the ITFLOWS Project entails risks on human participation, the processing of personal data, and the potential misuse of the Project results.

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ANNEX 2 – Ethics opinions/approvals

- Ethics approval provided by the President of Associazione della Croce Rossa Italiana (CRI):

Object: Authorisation Ethic protocol
created within ITFLOWS project

Croce Rossa Italiana
Comitato Nazionale
Il Presidente



to: Cristina Blasi, Casagran Project's Coordinator
Emma Teodoro Martinez, Steering Committee

Dear partners,

In relation to the ITFLOWS requirement of GA n.882986, I state that the Italian Red Cross had assessed its content and is fully informed about the research activities that the organisation is going to conduct in the context of ITFLOWS. In addition, it will closely follow and monitor the implementation of the codes and the performance of the interviews in accordance with its internal ethics procedures and its internal code of conduct.

Hereby the following documents are approved:

1. The **specific Ethical Guidelines** for conducting the interviews contained in Deliverable 2.1 (D.2.1) provided by the ethical lead partner (IDT-UAB),
2. The **Gender Policy** specifically designed to be applied in the ITFLOWS project,
3. The **Incidental Findings Policy** designed for the Project, and in particular for providing specific guidelines to the interviewing team in order to address incidental findings in the context of the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers,
4. Information regarding the procedures for obtaining **informed consent** from the research participants,
5. The **Recruitment Plan** for the interviews, focussing on the recruitment of the research interviewing team and the research participants. It has been designed by the ethical lead partner of the Project (IDT-UAB) in close collaboration with all the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in charge of conducting such interviews,
6. A detailed explanation on the **Anonymisation techniques** that will be used in order to ensure an effective protection of personal data gathered during the interviews.

Your faithfully,

Avv. Francesco Rocca

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- Ethics approval provided by The Open Cultural Center Internal Ethics Committee (OCC):

3 February 2021

Vincent van Grondelle

Didac Guillaumet

Maria Serra

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Open Cultural Center (OCC) Internal Ethics Committee has recently received the information package of the Project ITFLOWS.

Therefore, the Committee has reviewed the following documents:

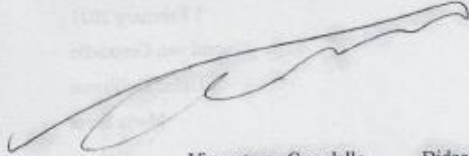
- Ethical issues in ITFLOWS;
- ITFLOWS Gender Policy;
- ITFLOWS Incidental Findings Policy for the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (T.3.4);
- ITFLOWS Informed consent form and procedures for the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (T.3.4);
- ITFLOWS Recruitment Plan;
- Technical description of anonymization techniques applied to the interviews with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (T.3.4).

After a careful assessment of the contents, the Committee has decided to grant full ethical approval to the totality of the above-mentioned documents.

However, the Committee has raised some questions regarding the requests of authorisation from authorities before conducting the interviews, as it might not be strictly necessary if the interviews are conducted outside the camps and reception centres. For this reason, the Committee would request for this authorisation to be modified as necessary only if the interviews will be conducted inside the centres.

In addition, the Committee wishes to mention that it is fully informed about the research activities that the OCC is going to conduct in the context of ITFLOWS.

Consequently, the Committee will be involved in closely monitoring the performance of the interviews under internal ethics procedures and the internal code of conduct.



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- Ethics opinion provided by Oxfam Italia Safeguarding Committee (OIT):



Firenze, 05/02/2021

Subject : Opinion from the Safeguarding committee, acting as ethics committee, about the ITFLOWS documentation package

To whom it may concern

The Oxfam Italia Safeguarding committee declares:

- That the committee has received the information package and has assessed its content,
- That the committee is fully informed about the research activities that the organisation is going to conduct in the context of the ITFLOWS interventions;
- that the committee will be involved in closely monitoring the performance of the interviews, in accordance with its internal ethics procedures and the Oxfam Code of Conduct.

Faithfully,

Simona Rigoni

Oxfam Italia Safeguarding Lead (on behalf of the committee)

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Federica Comanducci

Oxfam Italia Organization and People Director

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- Ethics approval provided by IAI Supervisory Board (IAI):

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Rome, 27 January 2021

Ethics Approval IAI Supervisory Board for the ITFLOWS Project*To whom it may concern,*

This is to confirm that I have received and assessed the content of the information package provided by the ITFLOWS Scientific Coordinator Christina Blasi and the ITFLOWS Ethical Lead Partner Emma Teodoro, including:

- specific ethical guidelines contained in D.2.1;
- the recruitment plan for the interviews;
- the incidental findings policy for the interviews;
- the informed consent form and procedures for the interviews;
- the anonymisation techniques to be applied to the interviews;
- the ITFLOWS Gender Policy.

I also confirm that I have been fully informed about the research activities IAI is going to conduct in the context of ITFLOWS. In this respect, I have taken note of the description of work package 3 in the Description of Work (DoW) of ITFLOWS, as well as of the conceptual paper (as of 27 January 2021).

I hereby confirm that the IAI Supervisory Board will be fully involved in closely monitoring the performance of the interviews in accordance with our internal ethics procedures and our internal code of conduct.

Yours Sincerely,

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ANNEX 3 – Approval letters signed by the IEB and the DPA

- Approval letters signed by the members of ITFLOWS IEB:



Tuesday, 23rd February 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

EUROPEAN UNION ITFLOWS PROJECT

In my capacity as Chairwoman of the ITFLOWS Independent Ethics Board, I hereby declare that I have read, and I approve and support the outcomes of the deliverables foreseen for M6 within WP10 (Ethics requirements) – D.10.1 (H-Requirement No.1), D.10.2 (H-Requirement No.2) and D.10.3 (POPD-Requirement No.3).

This approval has been granted following the ethical and legal framework identified as applicable to the ITFLOWS project. The Independent Ethics Board has closely monitored the measures implemented to address the ethical requirements imposed by the European Commission as a result of the Ethics Check to which the project was subject before the signature of the Grant Agreement.

In witness whereof and for all pertinent purposes, this approval is issued.

Yours sincerely,

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Lilian Mitrou
Professor at Department of Information and Communication System Engineering
University of the Aegean, Greece



Tuesday, 23rd February 2021

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In witness whereof and for all pertinent purposes, this approval is issued.

Yours sincerely,

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Ruth Fee
Professor of Public Services Education
Ulster University, United Kingdom



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In witness whereof and for all pertinent purposes, this approval is issued.

Yours sincerely,

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Wednesday, 24th February 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam,

EUROPEAN UNION ITFLOWS PROJECT

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Andrew".

Jonathan Andrew
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