A8.1, O4: Report on Best Practices in Ethical frameworks for stakeholder engagements

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Abstract

This document describes the ethical framework of ECIU University. The framework is applicable throughout the ECIU University community and the ecosystem.

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1   Introduction

The ethical framework of ECIU University is based on the values agreed upon in the [ECIU University 2030 vision](#). The ethical framework is considered as a guideline for the ECIU University community. The framework provides the basic principles on integrity for everyone participating in the ECIU University community and the ecosystem. ECIU University as an ecosystem, including all its members and stakeholders, act in accordance with the ethical framework.

2   Values of ECIU University

The values of ECIU University are as follows:

- Academic quality
- Entrepreneurial mindset
- Open ecosystem
- Agility and flexibility
- Personalised, inclusive community
- Impact on the society
- Resilience into the future

All activities in the ECIU University community reflect the values, including research, education and innovation as well as stakeholder engagement. The values inspire and provide leadership in the realisation of the goals and ambitions of ECIU University ecosystem.

3   Roles and responsibilities

The ethical framework is the guiding playbook for all participants in the ECIU University community and the ecosystem. This applies to learners, teachers, researchers, management, and all service providers. Equally, the principles apply to the stakeholders of the ecosystem stemming from outside the academia, both public and private.

In addition, the participants of the ECIU University ecosystem coming from the ECIU member universities are bound to the ethical rules and regulations of the individual ECIU member universities.

4   Ethical characteristics of ECIU University

The following ethical characteristics apply to the ECIU University as an ecosystem and all its members:

- All members of the ECIU University ecosystem treat each other with respect.
- ECIU University prohibits any form of unequal treatment of the members of the ecosystem without the provision of an objective and reasonable justification.
- ECIU University ensures that the dignity of human beings is preserved.
- ECIU University is reliable in all its actions. This means transparency, deliberation, credibility and consistency.
- ECIU University drives for honest and reliable actions without private interests.

- ECIU University does not accept offerings that could bias decision-making.
- ECIU University is aware of the direct and indirect social consequences of its activities.
- ECIU University values careful interaction with the nature and living environment in pursuing sustainable development of prosperity and well-being,
- ECIU University respects data confidentiality and consequently treats data with care.
- All members of the ECIU University ecosystem are familiar and comply with legislation, regulations, internal provisions, guidelines and agreements.

5 Specific European frameworks

The ECIU University community adheres specifically to the following European frameworks and acts in accordance with them:

- European non-discrimination framework
- European legislation on open data
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) (awarded through the ECIU member universities)
- The European 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

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