



# Ethics plan



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## Executive summary

This deliverable, Ethics Plan, is based on the project Grant Agreement, Consortium Agreement and relevant guidelines by the European Commission. It provides a jointly agreed framework for the TexMat ethics management. The deliverable outlines the ethical issues and procedures related to the research activities to be performed in the TexMat project. In particular, the Plan details the forthcoming actions and responsibilities for the consortium members to ensure that ethics requirements are carefully fulfilled.

The TexMat project is carried out according to the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical and research integrity principles. Moreover, the beneficiaries are committed to ensuring the respect of fundamental EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, and the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities.

In addition to the general ethics principles and relevant legislation, the consortium commits to following the practices jointly agreed in this document. This includes, for example, that all consortium members are responsible for immediately informing the Coordinator if they notice an unexpected or new ethical issue. *Ethics* will be included as a fixed agenda point for each TexMat General Assembly meeting to ensure that any ethics-related questions and issues raised during the project can be addressed promptly and collaboratively by consortium members.

The report begins with definitions of general research ethics and research integrity principles. A statement of the consortium's compliance with these principles follows. Separate sections then address the specific ethical dimensions relevant to TexMat, followed by a discussion of the ethics monitoring process. Finally, the deliverable concludes with the overall conclusions.

The document is a core element of Ethics management (Task 1.2), which aims to ensure that the ethics regulations and rules are respected. The task is led by VTT who is also responsible for this deliverable. As task leader, VTT has appointed the Ethics Mentor who will monitor the ethics issues arising in the project and how they are handled. While VTT coordinates this task, all consortium members are responsible for conducting their work according to the highest ethical standards and in good faith.

## Disclaimer

This deliverable is based on the project Grant Agreement, Consortium Agreement, and relevant guidelines by the European Commission. It is a draft version and should not be considered an approved deliverable until it has undergone the formal review process in accordance with the project's reporting schedule due in October 2027.



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# 1 Introduction

This Ethics Plan outlines the ethical aspects and procedures related to the research activities to be performed in the TexMat project. It also acts as a plan for ethics management for the project. The plan has been prepared by VTT based on relevant sections from the European Commission's (EC) ethics self-assessment guidance (EC, 2021). VTT monitors the ethics processes throughout the project, and the whole consortium is proactively involved in ethics management. The TexMat project is carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable European Union (EU), international and national law on ethical principles, and the provisions set out in the Grant Agreement. The TexMat Ethics Plan is aligned with these principles and relevant EU, national and international legislation, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights and its Supplementary Protocols. All consortium activities are conducted in good faith, ensuring that ethical considerations are integrated throughout the project.

The following sections of this deliverable address the core aspects of ethics monitoring and management in the TexMat project. Section 2 defines general research ethics and research integrity principles, followed by a statement of the consortium's compliance with these principles and regulations. The relevant ethical dimensions identified in the TexMat Ethics Summary Report are then addressed, and the project's ethics monitoring process is presented. Finally, the deliverable concludes with a summary of key findings.

## 2 Ethics, research integrity and EC ethics principles

### 2.1 Research ethics

The term *research ethics* is a general concept that encompasses all ethical viewpoints and evaluations related to science and research. In general, ethics are

norms of conduct that distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. As people can interpret ethical norms differently depending on individuals' values and life experiences, it is necessary to establish common definitions and rules in the framework of the project.

In the TexMat project, *ethics* is understood as defined by the EC (2012) according to which:

“Ethics includ[e] questions of legal and regulatory compliance as well as a branch of philosophy. It is part of a process of ‘governance’. The consideration of ethical issues, starting at the conceptual stage of a proposal, enhances the quality of research, increases its likely social impact, promotes research integrity, promotes a better alignment of research with social needs and expectations and, finally, supports the societal uptake of the fruits of research because high ethical standards generally merit public trust. In this spirit, the Commission aims to build a relationship between the research process and ethics that is collaborative and constructive (rather than negative and inhibitive).”

The TexMat consortium acts in line with this approach and sees complying with research ethics as fundamental for conducting high-quality research. In particular, the ethical principles upheld in the TexMat are impartiality, reliability, integrity, and responsibility. These principles emphasise the importance of responsible practices and set the foundations for trustworthy, reliable, and confidential cooperation among the consortium members and other stakeholders. The norms are closely tied to the concept of research integrity, which is addressed next.

## 2.2 Research integrity

In addition to research ethics, good research practices are based on the fundamental principles of *research integrity*. These principles emphasise the honesty and responsibility that all researchers are expected to uphold in their work. They provide guidance not only for conducting research but also for navigating the practical, ethical, and intellectual challenges inherent in research.

The beneficiaries are committed to respecting the fundamental principles of research integrity as set out in the *European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity* developed by the All European Academies (ALLEA, 2017). The ALLEA document states that “good research practices are based on fundamental principles of research integrity. They guide researchers in their work as well as in their engagement with the practical, ethical, and intellectual challenges inherent in

research”. These principles provide a foundation for responsible, transparent, and confidential collaboration among consortium members and other stakeholders.

According to the Code (ALLEA, 2017), the fundamental principles of research integrity are:

- Reliability in ensuring the quality of research reflected in the design, the methodology, the analysis, and the use of resources;
- Honesty in developing, undertaking, reviewing, reporting, and communicating research in a transparent, fair, full, and unbiased way;
- Respect for colleagues, research participants, society, ecosystems, cultural heritage, and the environment;
- Accountability for the research from idea to publication, for its management and organisation, for training, supervision, and mentoring, and for its wider impacts.

In addition to the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, the beneficiaries are committed to following other relevant international and national research integrity guidelines. For example, VTT has committed to complying with the guidance of The Finnish National Board on Research Integrity (TENK) on the Responsible Conduct of Research (TENK, 2023). VTT expects all beneficiaries to respect ethical principles and follow the advice provided on ethical questions.

## 2.3 Contexts of ethical research practices

Good research practices – which are based on the previously addressed principles of research ethics and research integrity – apply to different contexts of the project’s processes. These contexts are defined by ALLEA as follows:

- Research Environment;
- Training, Supervision and Mentoring;
- Research Procedures;
- Safeguards;
- Data Practices and Management;
- Collaborative Working;
- Publication and Dissemination;
- Reviewing, Evaluating and Editing.

Continuous supervision and guidance are provided by the management of the project to ensure that good research practices are upheld in all these contexts. Notably, all participating organisations as well as individual researchers and management staff are responsible for following good research practices in all the

relevant contexts. This includes reporting of any misconduct that might be detected (addressed in more detail in Section 2.5).

## **2.4 Notes on communication, publication, and dissemination activities**

The TexMat communication, publication, and dissemination principles are based on high ethical conduct. The basic principles of these activities are defined in the *Project Quality Management Plan* (Deliverable 1.1) submitted in December 2025. The details of these principles are addressed in depth in *Detailed Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy* (Deliverable 8.1), which will be submitted to the EC in March 2026. Therefore, this section is limited to highlighting a few fundamental aspects of ethics in the communication, publication, and dissemination activities of the project. Regarding the content of research, the researchers acknowledge that, unless otherwise specified, they are fully responsible for it from the beginning of the research process until publication. The authors should ensure that their work is made available to colleagues in a timely, open, transparent, and accurate manner, unless otherwise agreed. When communicating with the general public and the media, the TexMat consortium members are fully committed to honesty and impartiality.

Regarding authorship, the TexMat researchers have committed to acknowledging that authorship itself is based on a significant contribution to the design of the research, relevant data collection, or the analysis or interpretation of the results. The consortium members must acknowledge the work and intellectual contributions of others, including collaborators, assistants, and funders.

In this context, all communication, publication, and dissemination activities must include (whenever possible) the following acknowledgement of funding including the following disclaimer: *Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Research Executive Agency. Neither the European Union nor the European Research Executive Agency can be held responsible for them.*

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In addition to acknowledging the received funding and the contribution of fellow researchers and sources of information, the TexMat consortium members have committed to disclosing any conflicts of interest and financial or other types of support for the research or for the publication of its results.

## 2.5 Research misconduct and other unacceptable practices

The TexMat consortium has a zero-tolerance policy for research misconduct, irresponsible conduct of research, and other unacceptable research practices.

Research misconduct can include, for example (this list is not exhaustive):

- Fabrication, i.e., making up results and recording them as if they were real;
- Falsification, i.e., manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing, omitting, or suppressing data or results without justification;
- Plagiarism, i.e., using other people's work and ideas without giving proper credit to the original source, thus violating the rights of the original author(s) to their intellectual outputs;
- Misappropriation, i.e., unlawful presentation of another person's result, idea, plan, observation, or data as one's own research.

Sometimes, research violations are not clearly defined, and in such cases they might be regarded as a disregard for responsible conduct of research. Examples of these can be (this list is not exhaustive):

- Denigrating the role of other researchers in publications;
- Reporting results and methods in a careless manner, resulting in misleading claims;
- Inadequate record keeping and storage of results and data;
- Publishing the same results many times as novel results (*self-plagiarism*);
- Misleading the research community in other ways.

In addition, there are other unacceptable research practices that are condemned. These may include, for instance:

- Manipulating authorship;
- Exaggerating one's own achievements (e.g., in CVs);
- Re-publishing substantive parts of one's own earlier publications without duly acknowledging it (*self-plagiarism*);
- Citing selectively to enhance own findings or to please editors, reviewers, or colleagues;
- Withholding research results;
- Delaying the work of other researchers, e.g., in the peer-review process;
- Allowing funders/sponsors to jeopardise independence in the research process or reporting of results;
- Accusing a researcher of misconduct or other violations in a malicious way;
- Exaggerating the importance and practical applicability of findings.

To prevent any kind of misconduct, disregard, or other unacceptable practices from occurring, the TexMat consortium expects responsible conduct from all its

researchers and other stakeholders and implements clear ethics management processes, as defined in Section 4 of this document.

## **2.6 Compliance with general ethical principles and relevant legislation**

In line with Article 14 of the Grant Agreement, the project is carried out according to the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical and research integrity principles. This includes the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Supplementary Protocols. Moreover, the beneficiaries are committed to ensuring the respect of fundamental EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

In particular, as stated in the Grant Agreement, the consortium confirms respecting national and EU legislation.

*“The Consortium confirms that compliance with ethical principles and applicable international, EU and national law in the implementation of research activities not originally envisaged (or not described in detail) in the Description of the action (DoA) will be ensured. The Consortium also confirms that any ethical concerns raised by those activities will be handled following rigorously the recommendations provided in the EC Ethics Self-Assessment Guidelines.”*

Throughout the project lifecycle, the beneficiaries are committed to paying particular attention to the principle of proportionality (the no-harm approach), the right to privacy, the right to the protection of personal data, the right to the physical and mental integrity of persons, the right to non-discrimination, the need to ensure the protection of the environment, and to maintaining high levels of human health protection. The beneficiaries must ensure that the activities under the action have an exclusive focus on civil applications.

## 3 Specific ethical dimensions relevant to TexMat

### 3.1 Overview

In the evaluation phase, the TexMat proposal was classified as *ethics ready* and was therefore approved for funding without further ethics clarification requests. The TexMat consortium acknowledges the ethics issues identified in the Ethics Summary Report concerning humans, personal data and artificial intelligence (AI), and will give them particular attention during the lifetime of the project. These aspects are addressed separately in the following sub-sections of this report. If other ethics dimensions are identified by any consortium member throughout the lifetime of the project, they are requested to contact the Coordinator immediately and take action, as defined in Section 4 of this document.

### 3.2 Humans

The TexMat project improves citizens' safety, environment, and economics through the Safe and Sustainable by Design approach (EC, 2025). The project maintains close contact with regulatory and decision-making bodies and is fully aligned with major EU-level initiatives. The project team has participants across the EU. Cultural interactions are valued and integrated into all dissemination and communication practices. Together with the two other projects funded under the same EU call, the TexMat project reaches a broader group of stakeholders, and communicates its results in an accessible way, increasing awareness of the project's research and outcomes among citizens across Europe. Texmat consortium does not intentionally involve minors or vulnerable populations in their research and development activities.

Regarding the development and usage of AI, the TexMat consortium will ensure that applications developed in the project:

- Do not result in stigmatisation or discrimination against people;
- Do not replace any decision-making processes with direct impact on human life, well-being or human rights;
- Do not lead to any negative social impacts.

The TexMat project will carefully monitor the progress of the AI legislation (the EU's Artificial Intelligence Act, which establishes comprehensive rules for trustworthy AI).

### 3.3 Personal data

The TexMat partners will collect personal data for internal project management and communication, stakeholder communication, and research on the consumer and social acceptance of the TexMat solution, as described in WP2 and WP6. The personal contact information of the project group members is stored in a secured Microsoft Teams group administered by VTT. Access is restricted to authorised personnel designated by the partners. The information and data necessary to carry out the evaluations under the relevant tasks will be collected through common questionnaires sent to the partners involved.

The necessary personal data will be collected and stored in line with the requirements of the Grant Agreement (*Article 15.2: Data processing by the beneficiaries*). According to this Article, the project beneficiaries must ensure that personal data is:

- processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects;
- collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes;
- adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;
- kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data is processed;
- processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the data.

The beneficiaries will also follow the EC's guidelines on completing the ethics self-assessment (2021). These guidelines state that personal data must be processed in accordance with principles and conditions that aim to limit the negative impact on the persons concerned and ensure fairness, transparency and accountability of the data processing, as well as data quality and confidentiality. During the project, the partners will be responsible for secure management of datasets under their control. Project data management is addressed through a designated task (*Task 1.3: Data management*), ensuring adequate data processing throughout the project. Overall data management will be monitored by the Data Manager, Satu-Marja Mäkelä (VTT), who was nominated for this role by the TexMat General Assembly at its first meeting on 10 October 2025.

The data-related procedures will be described in detail in the *Initial Data Management Plan* (DMP, *Deliverable D1.3*), which will be submitted in Month 6 of the project, i.e. by the end of March 2026. The DMP will include a description of the methodology and standards to be followed, and which data sets are available for verification and re-use. The DMP will be updated twice: in the *Mid-Term DMP* (*Deliverable D1.5*), and in the *Final DMP* (*Deliverable D1.6*). These documents will be based on the requirement that the project data is managed according to the highest ethical standards, and applicable international, EU and national law – in particular, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, Regulation (EU) 2016/679), Open Science (European Research Executive Agency, 2025) and the FAIR principles (OpenAIRE AMKE, 2018), national data protection laws and other relevant legislation.

The TexMat project will have human participants involved in activities focusing on the business model (WP2) and demonstrations (WP6). All participants in these project activities take part on a voluntary basis. Within WP2, consumer studies will be conducted to understand the consumer acceptance of the TexMat business concepts and develop customer engagement strategies. Within WP6, the volunteers will participate in demonstration activities of the TexMat solution. The TexMat consortium will act on the basis of the following principles: in all activities, but especially in these work packages, all participants are adults who are able to give informed consent, in accordance with applicable national and EU ethical guidelines and regulations. Participation in the studies will be on a voluntary basis, pending the participants' acceptance of the informed consent modules. Informed consent will be prepared in languages understandable by the volunteer participants and will include information about the project activities, the objectives and the anticipated outcomes.

Participants' contact information will not be collected in any of the consumer studies beyond the recruitment purposes by external service providers. After the recruitment, the data will be deleted. Gender, education, income level and various psychographic data will be collected. Collection and storing of this information will be done according to GDPR. Data will be used solely for the purpose they are collected, and no data will be transferred or disclosed to third parties. No sensitive personal data will be collected. The data collected from the human subjects will be deleted if the information is no longer necessary for the fulfilment of the purpose, or at the latest within one year after the end of the project.

Psychographic data will be collected in an online experiment with consumers to evaluate the developed business concepts (*Task 2.3.2*), in an online experiment with consumers concerning customer engagement strategies (*Task 2.4*), and in consumer evaluations of the demonstrations (*Task 6.3*). This data will be used to establish a more detailed understanding of the studied phenomena (e.g., as moderators in explaining consumers' evaluations of business concepts). This data may include relevant characteristics of the study participants, such as environmental consciousness, textile waste aversion, textile choice motives, response to textile recycling and reuse advice, the personal significance of textiles, trust in the textile value chain, price sensitivity, and attitudes towards the studied objects. The use of specific psychographic measurements will be determined according to their relevance for the final study designs.

In addition, participants will be informed about data processing methods, data privacy protection, handling of personal data, and their rights. They will also be made aware of their right to participate voluntarily, decline participation, or withdraw from the project at any time. Access to participants' personal data will be restricted to the employees of the participating partners who need the information for the purposes of the research. If any personal data is processed on behalf of a partner, that partner is responsible for establishing a data processing agreement with the processor and providing the participants with all legally required information.

### **3.4 Environment, health and safety**

The health and safety of both humans and the environment are a priority in the TexMat project. Since the project's research activities may have adverse effects on the environment or on the health and safety of the participants, special precautions will be taken. VTT (Coordinator) complies with national and EU legislation on the Protection of the Environment and Occupational Safety. VTT's occupational health and safety management system is ISO 45001:2018 certified. Partners in the TexMat consortium have their own occupational health and safety procedures that comply with their national legislation. Regarding product safety, the EU Directive on General Product Safety (Directive 2001/95/EC) shall be followed.

The goal of the TexMat consortium is to minimize the use of chemicals and compounds that are harmful to humans or the environment. When handling such substances cannot be avoided, all participants will follow appropriate occupational health and safety measures. These regulations will be applied to the handling of all

materials, as well as during development and laboratory work related to textiles and components. If necessary, specific handling requirements for textiles will be established.

All personnel must take occupational health and safety training regularly, and work safety is a mandatory part of onboarding for new employees. All safety observations and incidents are thoroughly investigated to ensure continuous improvement to avoid similar issues in the future. When handling hazardous chemicals cannot be avoided by technical solutions or alternative chemicals, the usage of personal protective equipment is mandatory, including hand and body protection, respiratory protection, and eye protection. Workplaces where hazardous chemicals are handled are equipped with necessary protective equipment, such as exhaust ventilation system, fume cupboards and gloveboxes. All chemicals used in the TexMat project will be stored in suitable cabinets under proper conditions. All chemical waste and residues will be sorted, collected, treated, and disposed of in accordance with the procedures already in place at the TexMat partners. These procedures will also apply to all related circularity services developed in the TexMat project.

### **3.5 Artificial intelligence**

TexMat's AI data management framework (WP5) is designed in accordance with data protection principles, privacy regulations, and EU legal compliance, particularly aligning with the GDPR and the EU's AI act (Regulation (EU) 2024/1689). The platform collects garment-related data through a user-facing app, in which individuals provide details such as garment type, composition, and defects, along with basic demographic information (e.g., gender or location). However, once a garment enters the system, all associated data becomes strictly non-nominal, meaning the garment's usage history is recorded without linking it to any identifiable individual. Only aggregated and anonymized datasets are retained for research and process optimization purposes, ensuring compliance with GDPR's principles of data minimization, purpose limitation, and privacy by design.

The TexMat solution employs AI-driven classification and decision-making systems to evaluate whether a garment is economically and technically viable for reuse. This assessment considers factors such as physical condition, material composition, and the feasibility of refurbishment processes. The AI system generates automated recommendations for the step-by-step processing required to reintroduce garments into the market, including disinfection, whitening, and material restoration. These AI-driven processes are designed to ensure operational efficiency, sustainability, and compliance with circular economy principles. To maintain fairness, transparency, and accountability, TexMat's AI models are developed in alignment

with the EU's AI Act and ethical AI guidelines. The platform integrates mitigation strategies, ensuring that AI-driven decisions do not disproportionately favour or disadvantage specific user groups. Furthermore, the TexMat consortium enforces strict data security protocols, including anonymization and access controls, to protect data and prevent unauthorized access. Any processing of personal data follows a legitimate legal basis, such as explicit user consent or legitimate interest, as mandated by GDPR. Users are informed about how their data is processed, and they retain the right to access, rectify, and request deletion of their data where applicable. By implementing these measures, the TexMat consortium aims to ensure that its AI-driven textile reuse and recycling processes comply with legal requirements, follow ethical guidelines, and maintain technical reliability, while protecting data privacy and fairness for users.

The project will assess a couple of future-oriented AI-related scenarios in a dedicated AI impact workshop. Scenarios will be developed in two phases: first to collect technical requirements, and in the second phase adding the human-in-the-loop approach. The aim is to ensure that, already in the early phase of AI system development, potential benefits and threats are identified, including human oversight mechanisms for further development and deployment.

## 4 Ethics management in TexMat

Ethics management is a horizontal theme integrated across all activities of the TexMat project throughout its lifespan. Ethical compliance is monitored in Ethics Management (*Task 1.2*), which is led by VTT and supported by all project partners. The aim of all ethics activities in the project, including this Ethics Plan, is to ensure compliance with applicable ethics regulations and rules.

The central tools and activities used to monitor ethics in the TexMat project are as follows:

1. *Ethics Plan*: This document provides consortium members with key information to familiarise themselves with the ethical principles and regulations that the consortium is committed to, including ethics issues requiring particular attention, and reference the jointly agreed ethics management activities and guidelines.
2. *Shared and personal responsibility*: While VTT leads the ethics management task, each TexMat consortium member is responsible for complying with the established ethical principles and relevant legislation. All consortium members are expected to report any new ethical issues that may arise during

the project. VTT appoints an Ethics Mentor as needed to advise consortium members on identified issues, including the participation of humans, the potential collection and processing of personal data, and the use of AI technology. A report on the Ethics Mentor's activities will be kept on file and submitted together with the project's periodic reports.

3. *Regular meetings:* Ethics will be included as a fixed agenda point for each TexMat General Assembly meeting. Moreover, ethical issues are going to be discussed in the more frequent Executive board meetings whenever necessary.
4. *Specific internal workshops* will be organised on the participation of humans and the collection and processing of personal data, as well as the use and development of AI in the project. Ethics Mentor will be supporting the organisation of these workshops.
5. *Quality Management Plan (QMP):* The QMP (*Deliverable D1.1*) was developed in order to ensure the management of project-related documentation, monitoring and quality control of project deliverables and milestones, and risk contingency management. Acting according to the agreed principles is crucial for ensuring that the TexMat project is executed in a high-quality, timely, and ethical manner.
6. *Data Management:* Data management is closely connected to the ethical conduct of research, and therefore DMP acts as an important tool for ensuring good ethics practices as well. The DMP is updated regularly throughout the project. The Data Manager, appointed to the position by the TexMat General Assembly, will monitor the project's data management.
7. *Risk Management Plan:* Risk management is also tied closely to ethics management. Project risks are addressed as a fixed agenda point in the General Assembly meetings, where the project risk register is regularly updated, including ethical risks.
8. *Process for addressing allegations of research misconduct:* As stated earlier in this document, the TexMat consortium has a zero-tolerance policy for research misconduct, irresponsible conduct of research and other unacceptable practices in research. Should any consortium member detect such activity, they must inform the Coordinator without delay. The Coordinator then investigates the matter and takes the necessary actions to ensure that any potential risks, breaches of information, or harm are minimised.
9. *Record keeping:* The consortium maintains detailed records of all ethical decisions and actions taken during the project, including minutes of meetings

of consortium bodies, reports on any ethical breaches, and documentation of any modifications made to the Ethics Plan.

Overall, the TexMat consortium acknowledges that the monitoring and oversight of ethics is an ongoing and dynamic process that must be tailored to the specific ethical issues and risks associated with this project. It is essential to maintain open communication within the consortium and with stakeholders and to respond promptly to any ethical concerns that may arise.

## 5 Conclusions

This document addresses the main ethical aspects related to the TexMat project, including the principles of Responsible Conduct of Research, the consortium's compliance with general ethical requirements, specific ethical dimensions relevant to the project, and the ethics monitoring process. All beneficiaries commit to complying with these requirements, regulations, and processes. If any member of the consortium identifies the need to update this document, they may contact the Coordinator who will take appropriate action.

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