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Research Report Summary

The objective of this document is to ensure compliance with the 'ethics requirements' and provides detailed information on the informed consent procedures regarding data processing.

For the purposes of the project, the definitions adopted by the Horizon 2020 programme guidance document on how to complete your ethics self-assessment¹ are being adopted.

Measures taken for the protection of personal data

- The contact details of the **Data Protection Officer (DPO)** will be made available to all data subjects. The Data Protection Officer will be providing data protection obligations and how to meet them on a continuous basis within the ReNature project.
- In accordance with the data **minimisation** principle, data collected will be limited to what is necessary for the purpose of the project.
- **Data storage and security:** In order to prevent unauthorised access to any information collected, the processing of data about stakeholders (organisation, department and contact (e-mail, telephone number) will be limited to the team of researchers working in the ReNature project. Data containing personal information will be password protected, will be stored securely and will be held in our records for a period of no longer than 5 years after the completion of the project.

Informed Consent Procedures

Free and informed consent will be obtained from human participants in activities that may entail the collection of personal data. Participation will be entirely voluntary and clear documentation for the participants' informed consent will be obtained in advance. In particular, the following documentation will be used to provide more information about the processing of personal data to all participants:

- Participant Information Sheet;
- Informed Consent Form;
- Photo Consent Form.

Activities that may entail the processing of personal data shall be reviewed by the relative Research Ethics Committee of the institution leading the identified activities. The procedures established in this document may therefore be enhanced following more specific and detailed guidelines proposed by the relevant ethics committee before being granted ethics approval. Copies of the ethics approval will be kept in file.

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¹ Horizon 2020 Programme. Guidance How to complete your ethics self-assessment: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/ethics/h2020_hi_ethics-selfassess_en.pdf. Accessed 4 January 2019.