

Taking Responsibility – The ethical, legal and social issues of Biobanking are tackled in a new ESBB-Working Group

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Biobanking is faced with relevant ethical, legal and social issues, especially with view to the broad and heterogeneous biobank community within the ESBB. Especially under the new GDPR several uncertainties and concerns became obvious with view to international, multicenter research projects with biobank specimens.

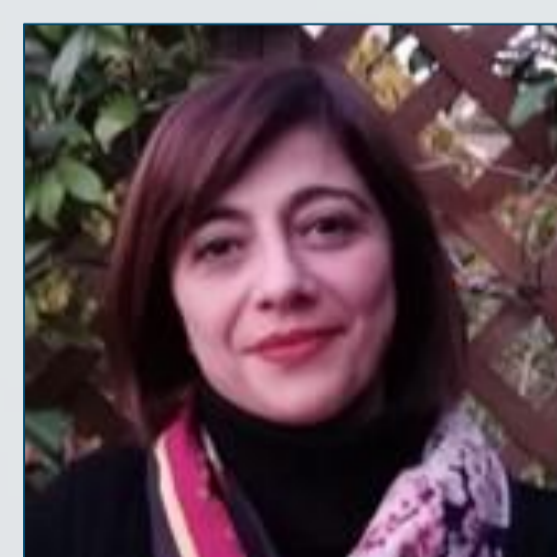
The new ESBB-Working Group “Regulatory, Ethics & GDPR (ELSI)” aims to provide a voice and exchange on regulatory and ethics issues, including GDPR, and its implications on biobanking and research.

WHO IS WHO?



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THE WORKING GROUP

FOCUS

- Identify ethical, legal, and social issues influencing biobanking
- Discuss and overcome potential ELSI hurdles for biobanking
- Disseminate and educate ELSI to the public and to scientists

LONG TERM GOALS

- Initiate a data-base of relevant knowledge regarding ELSI from the regions of the ESBB
- Establish tools to overcome ELSI hurdles
- Create a group of specialists with access to governments and regulation bodies

WORK



Monthly telephone conference calls:

- Discussion of specific ELSI issues with experts
- Exchange experiences with the application of the GDPR
- Working on several use cases relevant for research projects



Webinars:

...about relevant issues on GDPR, for example about the new EU-regulation for research in the COVID-19 pandemic



Project proposal:

.... to support the WG actions



What can you find on the member area of the ESBB-Website?

- relevant information and news regarding ELSI
- a handbook collecting research activity and analysis about how GDPR influences the biobank landscape

NEW FORMAT: “ASK THE EXPERTS!”

Beginning next year, the ELSI Working Group will introduce a new format to the ESBB community. It is called “Ask the experts!” and addresses concrete questions from community members that will be answered by experts.



Community members can ask questions via the ESBB-website.



Experts will answer the questions in presentations, videos or podcasts.

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