

Excerpt of the Consortium Agreement Art. 7.6: THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Responsibilities

The IAB is a body of external experts which support the Consortium's efforts to meet its quality and ethics commitments. Accordingly, the IAB can be called upon to provide council and recommendations with regards to the quality criteria and ethics standards set out in the Project's work program.

The IAB is associated with the implementation of those obligations defined under the Projects' Ethics Requirements.

- Sign off on the integrity of the procedures and criteria that will be used to identify/recruit research participants.
- Sign off on the Project's DMP, including the Parties explicit confirmation that the data used is either publicly available, or that relevant authorizations were provided.
- Confirm the Consortium respects the ethical standards and guidelines of Horizon Europe, regardless of the country in which the research is caried out.

The IAB will be invited to provide an annual assessment of the Consortium's efforts to meet its Ethics Requirements. If opportune, the SB President can invite all or part of the IAB to present its findings at any of the scheduled SB meetings.

The IAB will function as an external source of quality control as it will be invited to comment on the Quality Report prepared by the PMO for each scheduled gathering of the SB. Besides this formal task, the president of the SB can entrust the IAB or any of its members with any specific mission aimed at enhancing he quality of the Project's research, training or impact efforts.

Composition

The IAB can count up to 6 members. All of its members are designated by the SB following an individual a proposal submitted by the President of the SB. Decisions regarding IAB membership are to be taken following the SB's normal decision-making procedures.

The SB President is free to propose any expert from an institution that is not a Party to this agreement. When an IAB member withdraws they are to inform the President of the SB who in turn informs the other members of the SB. The President of the SB is free to propose members as is deemed opportune.

Convocation

The IAB is convened by the SB president when deemed useful.

Agenda

The SB President will set the Agenda of any IAB meeting. The members of the IAB are free to add any desired items to the agenda which is to be confirmed at the latest 7 (seven) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Voting process

All decisions and reports associated with the IAB are to be adopted by unanimity of its confirmed members.

