ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR MISUSE, HUMAN RIGHTS & SECURITY (MiHRS): APPLICATION FORM

Application form for ethical clearance by the Ethics Committee for Misuse, Human Rights & Security on research and/or collaborations which may lead to a military or dual use application of concern, potential direct or indirect involvement in human rights violations, or risks concerning foreign interference and knowledge security.

For more information on our procedures or policies, please consult the website. In case of questions, you may contact mihrs@uantwerpen.be.

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

PEOPLESOFT ID (ANTIGOON)/JD ID (if known):

Project title:

Supervisor(s):

Researcher(s):

Funding agency:

Partners involved (in case of institutional collaboration):

B. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Question	YES	NO
Are any **defence-related actors** (companies, authorities,…) involved (as funder, partner, end-user,…)?		
If yes, please specify:		
Will any physical products, software or scientific knowledge appearing on the European military checklist or the European dual-use checklist be used throughout the research?		
If yes, please specify:		
Will the (intended) research output be specifically designed for **military use** or will/could a civilian design be adapted for military purposes, i.e. **dual use** research?		

If yes, please specify:		
Does your research output concern items and activities subjected to **trade-restrictive measures** (sanctions)? Or will you collaborate with partners in countries subjected to any form of **embargo**? (Please consult the [EU Sanctions Map)](#)		
If yes, please specify:		

C. REFLECTION

In this section we ask you to provide a **reflection** on your research project or collaboration regarding **possible risks** and any **mitigating measures** you will install to minimize these risks.

Please also formulate a reflection on the following questions:

1. Can the research results, in the event of **misuse**, encompass the development of technologies or the creation of information that might have a (strong) adverse impact on human rights (e.g. privacy, stigmatisation, discrimination,…), or give rise to terrorist or criminal activities (e.g. relating to infrastructure vulnerability, cybersecurity,…)?
2. Is a partner within the cooperation involved in serious and/or systematic violations of **human rights** or subjected to public allegations of this kind?

You can use the following key concepts to help you formulate a reflection:
Risks: public allegations of human rights violations; involvement with military applications; involvement (direct or indirect) in warfare; possibility of misuse of research results; discrimination; academic freedom; data breaches; political interference; espionage
Measures: access control; "supply chain" knowledge; end-user screening; data security

D. DECLARATION OF HONOUR

I hereby certify and declare on my honour that the information contained within this document has been completed in all conscience and I take full responsibility therefore.

I understand that I will be responsible for monitoring the research at any time, reporting unforeseen circumstances and discontinuing the research if necessary.

I acknowledge my responsibility to be familiar and comply with the main legal guidelines.

I understand that I cannot start my research activities without a prior positive ethical opinion for my project proposal.

Date:

Promotor (name + signature):