



PHOOTONICS

A Cost-Effective Photonics-based Device for Early Prediction, Monitoring and Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcers'

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Executive Summary

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1 Introduction

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2 Appointment of the external Ethics Advisor

The project will be in full compliance with ethical requirements as imposed by European Union and the respective guidelines. Task 2.5, as described in the Description of Action, covers all ethical aspects related to the project. This includes, on the one hand, the provision of continuous ethical guidance for all steps undertaken during the project, in particular with regard to the processing of health-related personal data, the correct application of the safeguards applicable in each of the involved countries to the secondary use of patients' records, compliance with the national laws on patients' rights, legal aspects related to medical devices and the European and national strategies, policies and legal rules in the area of Health. On the other hand, the ethical assessment will take a broader legal perspective, investigating beyond the borders of this specific project, the impact of the European General Data Protection ethical framework on the provision of personalised medical assistance in the Member States, resulting in a final ethical report at the end of the project.

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The Ethics Advisor will assess the procedure throughout the lifecycle of the project.

Prof. Evangelos Papakonstantinou (professor at the Faculty of Law and Criminology, VUB), will serve as the External Ethics Advisor.

2.1 Expertise

Prof. Evangelos Papakonstantinou is a professor at the Faculty of Law and Criminology, VUB. He is the coordinator of the Cyber and Data Security Lab, a part of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Law, Science, Technology & Society, as well as a member of the Brussels Privacy Hub. His research focuses on personal data protection, both from an EU and an international perspective, with an emphasis on supervision, in particular Data Protection Authorities' global cooperation. Other research topics include cybersecurity, digital personhood and software. He is also a registered attorney with the Athens and Brussels Bar Associations. Since 2016 he has been serving as a member (alternate) of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority. During 2013-2016 he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Copyright Organisation. More information may be found at his personal website at <https://vpapakonstantinou.com>.

2.2 Incurring costs

It is foreseen that the Ethics Advisor will provide his services free of charge, however any travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the coordinator (see table 3.4b, p.187 of the Grant Agreement).

Exclusively for Metis Baltic, it is foreseen that the travel costs will include any costs which will incur for the travel and accommodation of the external Ethics Advisor's participation in the Annual Plenary Meetings.