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Introduction

The FoodSafeR project does not raise serious or complex ethics issues.

But within the ethical evaluation it has been stated that there are issues that should be considered and dealt with during the lifetime of the project. The project coordination team and consortium is aware of these ethics issues related to human participants and the protection of personal data. Ethics issues related to environmental, health and safety are not considered.

WP3 involves work with toxic substances such as aflatoxins and alkaloids among others. Some of these compounds are carcinogenic for humans. Therefore, the safety of the related researchers involved will be ensured and relevant health risks avoided.

The Ethics Evaluation suggested the appointment of an external independent Ethics Advisor to assist the consortium at least on the issues related to personal data protection, potential harm caused by the activities of the project on the environment, health and safety of the researchers, participation of non-EU countries and AI issues. Two external independent Ethics Advisors have been appointed at the beginning of the project.

Appointment of independent Ethics Advisors

The Coordination team appointed two independent experts who will act as external Ethics Advisors during the FoodSafeR project.

The appointed ethics experts are:

- **Univ. Prof. Dr. Herwig Grimm: Professor for Ethics „Human-Animal-Interaction“**
(Professor University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, AT, ORCID: [0000-0002-3572-483X](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3572-483X))
Link to the researchers' university page: [Herwig Grimm](#)

Herwig Grimm studied philosophy at the Universities of Salzburg (AT), Zurich (CH) and Munich (DE), main emphasis on ethics and applied ethics. In 2004 he earned his Master degree in Salzburg with a thesis on “Moral Standing of Animals? – Approaching the subject with discourse ethics”. From 2004 to 2011 he was a scientific assistant at the interdisciplinary Institute for Technology, Theology and Natural sciences in Munich. He took his doctoral degree at the Munich School of Philosophy. From 2011 he has been a professor and the head of the unit “Ethics and Human-Animal-Studies” at the Messerli Research Institute of the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, the Medical University of Vienna and the University of Vienna.

Herwig Grimm's main research interests are:

- Applied animal ethics / ethics of farm animal welfare / veterinary ethics
- Pragmatism in applied ethics
- Orientation towards practice in ethics
- Methods of problem-oriented and applied moral philosophy



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Ines Fritz studied food- and biotechnology at the BOKU, Vienna, Austria, followed by a position as leader of the laboratory for biochemical analytics at the company *Raiffeisen Bioforschung GmbH*, Tulln, Austria. She further gained experience within the related industry as a product manager for chromatography, biochemistry and synthesized chemicals with the company *Merck GmbH*, Vienna, Austria. After her "industrial phase" she returned to university and is working now as the leader of the Institute for Environmental Biotechnology at BOKU.

Experience in microbiology with special focus on microbial ecology (soil, water, compost) and interactions of microorganisms with plants (Allelopathy). Member of European Standardization on biodegradable polymers (plastics) with research contribution on methodology and ecotoxicology.

Ines Fritz is a member of the University's ethical platform with its main goals as follows:

The University (BOKU) sees itself as a university of life sciences. Therefore it puts a lot of emphasis on a respectful interaction within the University. It is aware of its ethical responsibility for the society and the environment. This results in the necessity to discuss ethical questions in the context with the University but also with environmental protection and conservation, risk assessment of technology and sustainable management of natural processes.

The ethics platform aims at pushing discussions in a systematic, constructive and participatory way. This concerns in general the interaction of people within the University, and in particular issues of research and teaching. Thereby it is important to focus on the basic values of equality, tolerance, independence of research and freedom of thinking. Further important is it to respect the rights of others, to show compassion and to consider the consequences of our interactions of people and nature.