# ICT ENABLED PUBLIC SERVICES FOR MIGRATION

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## The Ethical Principles of MIICT

MIICT is dealing with sensitive issues. Therefore, the project has put a strong focus on research ethics. The following principles, which are building on the ALLEA Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, are guiding the MIICT implementation.

RELIABILITY - includes validating information and sources. Use of recognized methods and analyses. Justify decisions and actions with underlying rationale.

HONESTY - about limitations of methods or outcomes. Accurate reporting of findings. Correct omissions, misuse of data and avoid misleading outputs. Report wrongdoing appropriately.

**RESPECT** - for the rights of participants and others affected by research. Personal data and confidential information should be safeguarded appropriately. Equality for all (e.g. gender), should be integrated.

ACCOUNTABILITY - each researcher should take responsibility for complying with ethical standards and principles at every stage of the activity. Records should be made and kept demonstrating this. Ensure appropriate use of public funding.

INTEGRITY - incorporate scientifically sound practices, rigorous methods and quality data. Objective analysis of evidence. Impartiality and freedom from pressures or conflicts of interest. Compliance with all relevant legal and ethical requirements.

TRANSPARENCY - about the purpose, methods and planned uses of the research. Provide publicly available outcomes, where possible. Openness about assumptions, findings and conclusions.

MINIMISE HARM & MAXIMISE BENEFIT - includes emotional, mental, physical, financial and social standing of any involved person. Includes stigmatization of individuals / groups or consequences that could be perceived as discriminatory.

EXCELLENCE - ethics approvals should be obtained prior to activities that pose significant risks. Researchers should have professional competency. Aim to produce work of the highest quality.

FAIRNESS - acknowledge the contribution of others and accurately reference others' work. Ensure no individual group is disadvantaged or unfairly represented.

### Current actions on relocation of unaccompanied children within the European Union

Migrants' reception in the European Union (EU) has become a particularly topical subject in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EU is acting to guarantee the voluntary relocation of unaccompanied children within Member States.

Find out more in our recent blog post HERE

#### MIICT Public Deliverables

After having successfully completed the first project period, the public deliverables are available HERE

#### **MIICT COVID-19 Information** Page

As many countries are still suffering from the pandemic, MIICT set -up a dedicated information page <u>HERE</u>





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