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# Masaryk university Research Ethics

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## WHICH project needs an ethical assessment?

#### Any research project involving

- human participants (biomedical, social/human science research)
- human biological samples (DNA, cells, tissues, liquids,...)
  - non-commercialy available (from cooperating healthcare provider)
  - commercialy available

#### Research project includes

- grant project (H2020, AZV, GAČR,...)
- internal faculty research project, GAMU
- disertation



## WHY is an ethical assessment required?

An ethical assessment is important to ensure the protection of research participants.

Therefore an ethical approval is required:

- by law for biomedical research (see Oviedo Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine)
- by grant provider, science foundation (see tender documentation)
- by major scientific journals
   (see editorial policy, always in biomedicine, often in psychology, research with vulnerable groups children, patients)

## WHOM to submit project for ethics assessment?

#### MU Research Ethics Committee (Etická komise pro výzkum MU)

- for all faculties (except Fac. of Medicine), CEITEC
- chair: prof. Renata Veselská
- secretary: Blanka Jančeková
- submission by ISEP <a href="https://inet.muni.cz/app/proj/navrh\_find">https://inet.muni.cz/app/proj/navrh\_find</a>
- Web site <a href="https://www.muni.cz/o-univerzite/fakulty-a-pracoviste/rady-a-komise/eticka-komise-pro-vyzkum/o-komisi">https://www.muni.cz/o-univerzite/fakulty-a-pracoviste/rady-a-komise/eticka-komise-pro-vyzkum/o-komisi</a>

#### Ethics Committee Faculty of Medicine (Etická komise Lékařské fakulty MU)

- chair: Assoc. Prof. Josef Kuře
- submission by email (jkure@med.muni.cz)

X Masaryk University Ethics Board (Etická komise MU) – rector's advisory board in research misconduct (see Masaryk University academic and professional employee code of ethics)



## WHEN to submit my project to REC?

The project proposal has to be submitted **before the beginning of the whole project**, not only before the research data collection.

<u>review ethical assessment</u> – for changes in an <u>approved</u> project (design changes, new questionnaire added)

#### submission deadlines:

- deadlines set for grant competitions (GAČR, AZV,...) ask R&D office
- other submissons accepted:
  - MU REC: continuously (ASAP), min. 4 weeks before the expected beginning
  - Faculty of Medicine REC: 5th day of the month



## WHO is supposed to submit the project?

According to the internal MUNI directive, it is the main researcher/proposer from MUNI

...the person that should be mentioned in the ethical approval



## WHAT part of the project is evaluated?

- project proposal (detailed project description, not only an annotation!) including:
  - methodology
  - design of experiment
  - participants and their recruitment
  - description of the research team
  - personal data protection measures
  - questionnaire (in questionnaire survey)
- inform consent including:
  - explanation for participants
  - consent to personal data processing
- letter of commitment (participating organization, e.g. healthcare provider)

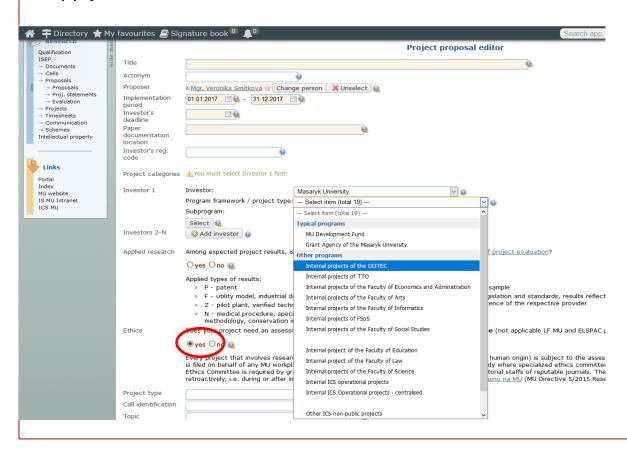
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https://www.muni.cz/o-univerzite/fakulty-a-pracoviste/rady-a-komise/eticka-komise-pro-vyzkum/dokumenty

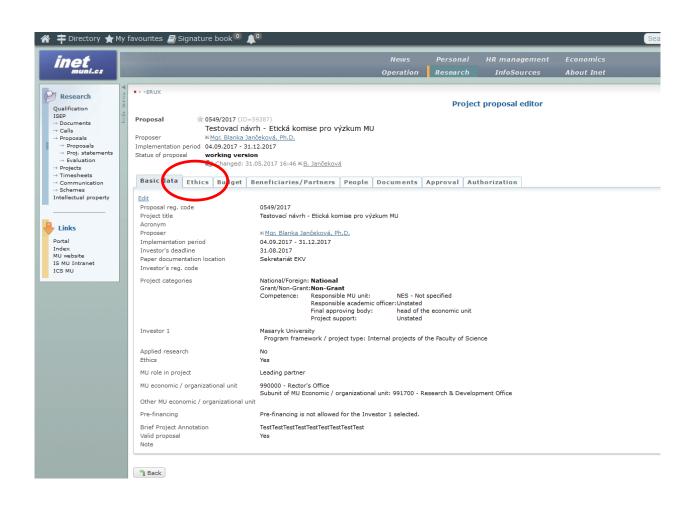


create your project proposal in the ISEP (title, name, funding, duration, cooperation)

apply for REC evaluation "Ethics=YES"

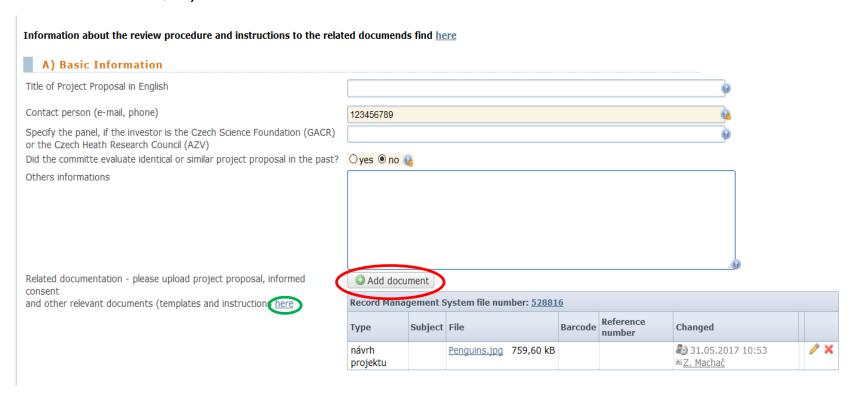








- fill in basic information
- upload project documents for ethics (project proposal, inform consent, letter of commitment,...)



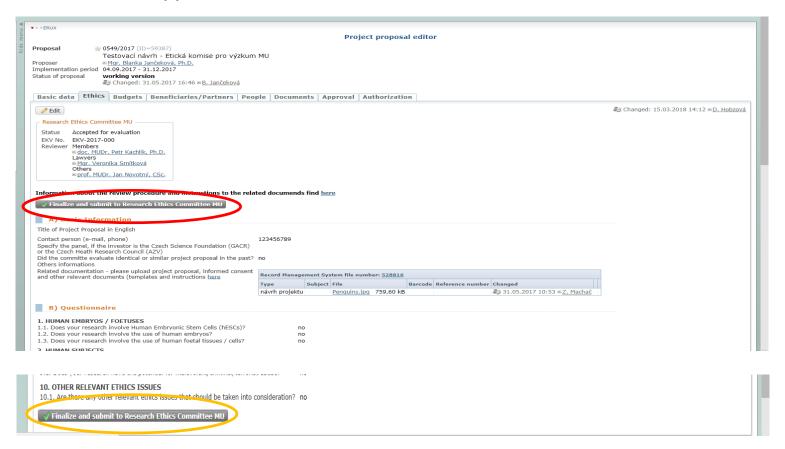


fill in the ethics questionnaire in ISEP/Ethics (to identify ethical topics in the project)





submit the application to Research Ethics Committee MU





...what happens next...

- 1. 2 REC members and 1 lawyer review your proposal
- 2. in case of comments discussion and completion of documentation
- 3. whole REC voting (most often per rollam)
- 4. REC secretary sends you (or not) an ethical approval of your project
- 5. Let's start your research!

The role of RECs is to protect participants through research, not from research ©



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