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**VR Health Champions Open Call 2025**

**Ethics and Security Self-Assessment**

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[All applicants must complete this assessment to confirm compliance with ethical and security regulations.] **SECTION A: ETHICS ISSUES TABLE**

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| Ethics Issue | YES | NO | Comments |
| Does the project involve human participants? |  |  |  |
| Does the project process personal data? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve AI with potential ethical concerns? |  |  |  |
| Will the project involve environmental risks? |  |  |  |
| Will any research involve sensitive populations? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve human embryonic stem cells or human embryos? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve interventions on human participants (e.g., clinical trials, behavioral tracking, imaging technology)? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve the use of human cells or tissues? |  |  |  |
| Is it planned to export or import personal data from/to non-EU countries? |  |  |  |
| Will the project involve the use of substances that may cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment? |  |  |  |
| Are there any other ethics issues that should be considered? |  |  |  |

**SECTION B: ETHICS SELF-ASSESSMENT  
1. Ethical Considerations**

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| How does the project ensure compliance with data protection laws (GDPR)? |
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| What measures are in place to mitigate ethical risks in human research? |
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| Will informed consent procedures be followed for human participants |
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| How will AI ethics concerns (bias, transparency, accountability) be addressed? |
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| If the project involves environmental risks, what mitigation strategies will be applied? |
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**2. Compliance with Legal and Ethical Standards**

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| Does the project comply with EU and national ethical regulations? |
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| Are any additional ethics approvals required before the implementation? |
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| Have all relevant risk assessments been conducted and documented? |
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| If applicable, how does the project plan to share benefits with local communities when conducting research in low-income regions? |
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**SECTION C: SECURITY ISSUES TABLE**

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| Security Concern | YES | NO | Comments |
| Does the project involve handling of classified data? |  |  |  |
| Will the project collaborate with non-EU entities requiring security vetting? |  |  |  |
| Could the project outcomes be misused for unintended applications? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve information or materials subject to national security restrictions? |  |  |  |
| Does the project involve activities that may pose cybersecurity risks? |  |  |  |
| Are there any other security concerns to be considered? |  |  |  |

**SECTION D: SECURITY SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**1. Data Protection and Cybersecurity**

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| How will data be stored and protected against unauthorized access? |
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| Will encryption, anonymization, or pseudonymization be applied for sensitive data? |
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| Have all relevant risk assessments been conducted and documented? |
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| Are there any risks of cyberattacks, and what security measures will be implemented? |
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| If the project handles classified information, how will compliance with EU security rules (Commission Decision 2015/444) be ensured? |
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**2. Risk Management and Contingency Planning**

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| What measures are in place to prevent and respond to data breaches? |
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| Are security protocols in place to manage collaboration with external (including non-EU) partners? |
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| If applicable, how will the project ensure compliance with ethical and security vetting requirements? |
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**DECLARATION:**I, the undersigned, representing [Insert SME Name], confirm that all ethical and security issues have been addressed and necessary precautions are in place.  
  
Date/Month/Year]

Signature here

[Legal Representative Name]

[Title]

[Company Name]