Worksheet: Ethical issues in research

Make notes about all possible ethical issues that may arise while designing research: safety and the consequence of this particular research for the individuals, team and the group among which the research is to be conducted.

Think about ethical issues focusing on human rights, in particular non-discrimination through:

- language – adjusted to research participants (using the language of communication set by research participants, e.g. refugees, children, deaf people),

- tools – adjusted to the participants' capabilities, e.g. in case of groups who do not read or write (children, some groups of people with intellectual disabilities),

- taboo, cultural differences – conducting research that will not cross cultural and social boundaries so as to avoid putting the participants in danger,

- protection of personal data (see General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), https://gdpr-info.eu/,

- storing research data in a way that is in line with the protection of human rights (see General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), art 17 – Right to erasure ('right to be forgotten'), https://gdpr-info.eu/art-17-gdpr/.