

Work Package 5 – Education & Training

Learning Event: Webinar No 2 – Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI)

Case Study Topic 2

- The national legal framework was developed in 2000 and requires specific consent for each research project.
- Dr Emem, Chairperson of the **National Biobanker's Society**, intends to conduct a research project. To do this, he designs an Informed Consent Form to recruit the research participants
- Dr Emem is also a member of the **Regional Biobanker's Society** and has discussed with his colleagues the possibility of using broad consent, which complies with the applicable regional and international law and would also allow the researchers greater flexibility.
- The **Regional Biobanker's Society** considered the Consent Form to be compatible with regional and international human rights norms and supported the proposal by the **National Biobanker's Society** to amend the national law.
- Dr Emem has subsequently submitted a request to the legislature and the **National Biobanker's Society** has issued guidelines on how to comply with the broad consent requirements that have now been proposed.
- Dr Emem now wonders whether he can apply the broad consent requirements as elaborated in the ethical guidelines and request research participants to give their broad consent in a situation when the amendment is still pending.