

Consultation welcome

Code for the conduct of social-research in the European Union

The RESPECT project, funded by the European Commission, invites scholars to comment on a professional and ethical code for the conduct of social-research in the European Union.

The RESPECT guidelines are intended to form the basis of a voluntary code of practice covering the conduct of socio-economic research in Europe. They are based on a synthesis of the contents of existing codes, together with current legal requirements in the EU. This document is designed as a summary of the principles involved. The purpose is not to create new requirements or restrictions on the conduct of research, but to spread existing good practice, enabling the development of a European Research Area with common standards that are transparent and universally agreed. Such common standards are a prerequisite for the development of a European market in socio-economic research, in which research can be commissioned and partnerships entered into on the basis of clear mutual understandings and expectations.

The draft code is available at

<http://www.respectproject.org/code/> and comments can be submitted online.

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