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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation





1 INTRODUCTION

In the WARIFA project data from individual persons as well as ubiquitous data is collected and processed. While the data will be collected in four European countries (Finland, Norway, Romania, Spain), all WARIFA partners may be involved in transferring of data between institutions and the final processing of the data.

Privacy and data security issues may arise when data is handled in a multinational research project. On the European level, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies to WARIFA and its partners. In addition, all research activities in the project have to comply with the national regulations of each partner state.

In order to give individual research participants control over their personal data, all members of the WARIFA consortium are committed to ensure a high level of data protection and privacy throughout the project period. Furthermore, the team will be assisted by the WARIFA Data Protection and Security Officer as well as the Data Protection Officers at each involved partner institution.

2 CONFIRMATION OF LEGAL BASIS FOR DATA PROTECTION

The WARIFA consortium confirms that the data protection and privacy standards of the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme will be rigorously followed by each partner of the WARIFA project. The tasks of the project will follow all applicable laws and regulations. All collection, transfer and storage of data will be performed according to all relevant ethical, legal and regulatory requirements, in particular articles 6.1a and 9.2a of GDPR, also taking into account all national legislation requirements of the partner states.

The WARIFA consortium will ensure that all study participants are satisfactorily informed about the study in order to be able to freely consent prior to participation. Furthermore, the consortium will put in place measures to collect and store all consent forms properly and according to legal standards. In line with existing national and European legislation, personal and sensitive information of study participants will be handled with special care and will not be available to persons other than the researchers analysing the data. This will minimise the risks of ethical and legal violations.

Prior to publication of any research results, all involved researchers will follow relevant regulations including the internal guidelines of their institutions as well as the relevant WARIFA guidelines to ensure that the privacy of individual study participants is not violated, particularly avoiding the publication of personal information. In addition to relevant European and national data protection authorities, the research partners have institutional ethics boards and data protection officers in place to ensure the correct implementation of data protection procedures for biomedical research.

