

CONTEXT

Launched in December 2022, EHESP-International is a subsidiary of the French School of Public Health (EHESP) that works to strengthen health and social protection systems in countries requesting support, in a spirit of **international solidarity and sustainable human and institutional development**.

In close collaboration with national and local partners, EHESP-International provides capacity building and advisory services at an international level:

- Strengthening training systems and international training engineering;
- International non-degree courses, on their own or as part of a wider project, including study trips;
- International expertise, diagnostics, strategic project support, project evaluations, studies;

EHESP-International covers all of EHESP's fields of expertise:

- Management of Healthcare Systems and Services ;
- Health, Population & Public Policy;
- Health and Environment

The creation of an autonomous subsidiary under private law makes it possible to:

- Broaden the range of EHESP's services available to international partners, thanks to greater operational flexibility;
- Strengthen skills in designing and managing international public health expertise projects;
- Develop a proactive approach by responding to calls for tender and seeking partnerships/consortia;
- Proactively promote EHESP's in-house expertise and services, including environmental health;
- Mobilise a greater number of experts, in addition to the School's academic team, including alumni and broader professional network.

PURPOSE OF THE ETHICS CHARTER

The purpose of EHESP-International's Ethics Charter is to provide a framework to facilitate decision-making.

In ethical terms, it sets out **the purpose of EHESP-International's interventions, methods of work, financial and resource management, EHESP-International's internal relations with EHESP and its external relations with stakeholders**. EHESP-International's Ethics Charter will be reviewed regularly.

APPLICATION OF THE ETHICS CHARTER

Ethics of our activities

- Projects developed by EHESP-International respect commitments in support of public health policies, solidarity, reducing inequalities, protecting the most vulnerable, promoting gender issues and sustainable development.
- The relevance of a project will be evaluated according to its presumed impact in terms of health and equity.

Ethics and our work methodology

- The projects developed by EHESP-International aim to build capacity and skills within our countries of operation. The actions undertaken encourage **the transfer and capitalisation of know-how**. The aim is to support local stakeholders in developing their own human resources in their specific contexts.
- Our projects are the result of **co-construction** between all stakeholders, fostering mutual development and respect for different cultures.

Financial and resource management ethics

- EHESP-International will be vigilant in optimising resources, both financially and in terms of sustainable development, with a particular focus on the carbon footprint generated by its projects.
- EHESP-International is looking for ethical and sustainable financial investments in social and environmental terms.
- The financial autonomy of EHESP-International will be necessary to ensure its development.
- If EHESP-International were to generate profits over and above its future development needs, the Strategic Committee would be asked to approve their use for relevant projects linked to EHESP-International's activity (study grants for foreign students, etc.).

Ethics in internal relations with EHESP

- EHESP-International favours the use of EHESP experts to carry out projects.
- EHESP-International will carry out the necessary consultations to ensure that the missions proposed are compatible with those carried out within EHESP.

Ethics in external relations with stakeholders

- The work of EHESP-International follows France's global health strategy.
- EHESP-International will be vigilant to only work with partners and donors who respect ethical commitments similar to its own, particularly in the context of consortia.

Ethical expertise in support of EHESP-International

- This Ethics Charter provides a framework to guide the decisions of EHESP-International and its relations with the experts and partners involved.
- For complex issues, EHESP-International will be able to call on the ethical expertise of the Strategic Committee and external advisors, representing a wide range of viewpoints.
- End-of-project reports will include an ethical review.

DATA ENTRY PROCEDURES

Any stakeholder may refer ethical issues to the EHESP-International Strategic Committee.