



VIRTIGATION – Emerging viral diseases in tomatoes and cucurbits: Implementation of mitigation strategies for durable disease management

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1 PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

Deliverable D8.2 meets the ethics '*POPD-Requirement No. 2*' described in WP8 of the VIRTIGATION Grant Agreement, and provides detailed information on the procedures that will be implemented for the collection, storage, protection, retention and destruction of basic personal data from stakeholders engaged in WP1 activities (*'multi-actor approach'*). It also confirms that these processes will comply with national and EU legislation.

Ethical matters, and especially the protection of personal data, will be handled very seriously during the whole VIRTIGATION project duration. A privacy policy and Standard Operating Procedure have been developed at project start and will be made available to data subjects at point of data collection (e.g. on project website, annexed to consent forms). This privacy policy uses plain language and sets out how VIRTIGATION will process personal data, for which purpose, to whom data is transmitted and what rights data subjects have in respect of their own personal data, in particular the right to rectification and right to erasure. Proof of consent for data processing will be stored for a period of minimum 5 years. Extra security measures will guarantee prevention of unauthorized access to contacts or personal data. Whenever possible, VIRTIGATION will pseudonymise or anonymise and aggregate the personal data collected.