

## **European Values Study**

### **Ethical statement**

The European Values Study (EVS) is a large-scale, cross-national, and longitudinal survey research program on basic human values. The EVS is managed by the Council of Program Directors, who discuss the general outlines of the project and approve the final questionnaire and the survey method. All daily responsibilities are delegated to the Executive Committee. The questionnaire is developed by the Theory Group; the quality of the project is taken care of by the Methodology Group. The EVS Foundation aims at planning and promoting joint activities and offers assistance in fundraising, like finding sponsors.

National data are pseudonymized before being deposited to the EVS Archive. Pseudonymized data contain nothing that would allow the immediate identification of respondents. After processing and before publication by the EVS Archive, the data are further anonymized. The degree of anonymization depends on whether access to the data will be restricted or unrestricted. All anonymization measures are documented by the EVS Archive. Every national team (or national programme director) is responsible for checking their data and confirming that the data have been anonymised according to national and/or EU regulations.

