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Introduction to the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity TENK

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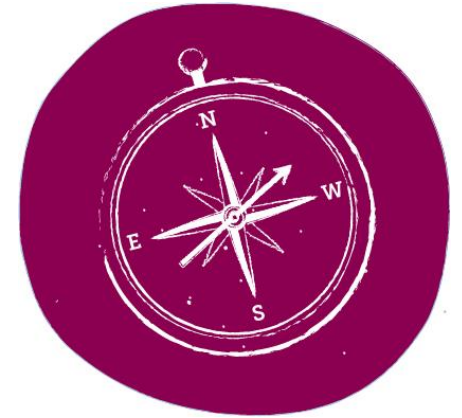


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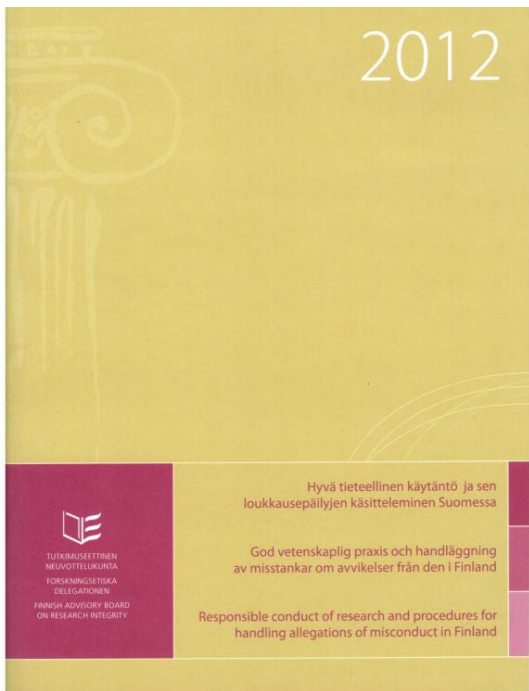
- Founded 1991
- 10 board members, appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland for three year terms
- Independent, unpolitical organization
- Office situated at the Federation of the Finnish Learned Societies (TSV), Helsinki
- Oversees the investigation processes of research misconduct and serves as a body that handles appeals



TENK guarantees ethics and quality in research

- by preventing research misconduct in all scientific disciplines
 - by drawing up national guidelines
 - by organising seminars and promoting education
 - by coordinating ethical pre-reviewing of the human sciences
 - by networking and being influential both nationally and internationally
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- European Network of Research Integrity Offices ([ENRIO](#)); member organization since 2009; chair 2018 - 2022

Good scientific practice in Finland: integrity and ethics (*tutkimusetiikka*)



Code of Conduct for Research Integrity in Finland 1/2

- First published in 1994; in Finnish, Swedish and English; edited versions also in Spanish, in English – Chinese and in English – Russian
- The guidelines consist of the following parts:
 1. Definition of the responsible conduct of research/good research practice
 2. Classification of violation against the responsible conduct of research
 3. Procedure for handling the misconduct of research



Code of Conduct for Research Integrity in Finland 2/2

- ***National Self regulation system***: voluntary commitment by the research organizations to adhere to the code and to increase awareness of the principles of research integrity
- apply to all academic disciplines and research in Finland

List of the committed organizations (for example, all HEIs), see:
www.tenk.fi

Organizations must notify TENK of all started investigations of research misconduct.



Challenge for European public and private research organizations:

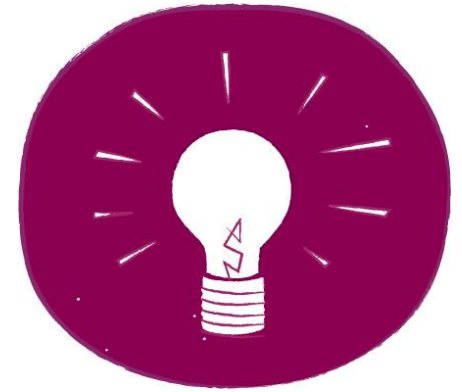
The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

By All European Academies ALLEA 2017.
- Supported by European Commission.



Other national guidelines by TENK

- The ethical principles of research with human participants and ethical pre-review in the human sciences
- Template for researcher's curriculum vitae
- Supervision of doctoral dissertations and their review process in Finland with a special emphasis on research integrity
- Agreeing on authorship. Recommendation for research publications.



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