

FWO

and

Research Integrity

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*Where
discoveries
begin...*

General Context

What is Research Integrity?

1. **2009, *Ethical code of the scientific research***
(Belgian Royal Academies and Belspo)
2. **2005, *European charter for researchers***
3. **2010, *Singapore Statement on Research Integrity***
(2nd World Conference on Research Integrity)
4. **2010-2011, *European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity***
(ESF and ALLEA)

Flemish Commission for Scientific Integrity (VCWI)

1. **Already institutional commissions**
2. **An initiative from FWO in 2011**
3. **Hosted by the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium
for Science and the arts (KVAB)**
4. **Its role:**

European Level

1. **Science Europe: dedicated Working Group**
2. **European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO)**
 - Informal international network of experts in scientific integrity
Founded in 2007, members from more than 18 European member states
 - Aims:
 - stimulating the debate on scientific deontology
 - exchanging experiences and best practices

What are violations of Research Integrity?

1. Clear cases:

- plagiarism
- production or manipulation of data
- Abusing one's higher hierarchical position to claim young researchers' work
- dishonestly present one's self as first author
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2. Work in progress

3. Exchange of data and experiences is crucial⁵

Fading Norms

1. **FWO's researchers under disciplinary authority of their host institution**
2. **In application process already highly questionable practices**
3. **Discipline required, notwithstanding increasing pressure on researchers**
4. **FWO sees to respect of its rules and intervenes**

Financial Fraud

1. **System audit**
2. **The FWO will send revisers to the universities to exert control on the big projects that have ended,**
3. **For the smaller projects the check will be limited to random samples,**
4. **This system has been operative for some years; no grave abuses have been found.**
5. **The FWO itself is being supervised**