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Pursuant to Article 46 of the MCIC Statute (regulating the authority of the Governing Board, including ethical issues) the Chairman of the MCIC Governing Board issues the following

CONFIRMATION

In the frames of the RETOPEA project (where MCIC is one of the local partners for North Macedonia), which aims to develop active learning from the history of religious diversity through new approaches and tools, including creation of video materials (i.e. "docutubes") involving students, there is a need to obtain their informed consent to participate in the project. These research studies will provide insights into (a) effective policies and practices for approaching religious coexistence and (b) alternative representations of religious cohabitation that engage constructively with contemporary concerns / challenges and past traditions.

The RETOPEA project team developed Informed Consent templates and according explanatory Information Sheets for participants, that are then translated into all local languages of the project, including Macedonia. The templates are reviewed and this document confirms that the translation in Macedonian of the templates "Informed Consent Forms" are adequate, as well as that ethical norms and standards for protection of personal data are taken into consideration and well defined.

As stated on the consent form, all information which is collected about a participant during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential in compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public>).

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