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Answer given by Mr Moedas
on behalf of the Commission
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Several mechanisms have been put in place to prevent that Horizon 2020¹ funds are used for activities that could be contrary to international law, including ethical evaluation. Law Train project has recently undergone such an evaluation by independent expert panel obtaining the result "Good to excellent compliance" concerning all requested items, including conformity with the European Charter of Fundamental Rights and any other relevant EU, national and international legislation. The panel considered that issues raised by the project² have been adequately addressed by the project participants. Furthermore, ethical aspects are constantly monitored by a specially designated external ethics director who reviews all the deliverables and by regular technical reviews run by external independent experts during the project's lifetime and when it ends. If needed, additional actions to reinforce monitoring of ethics issues may be requested by the Commission at any time during the project's life.

The methodology used in this project, and consequently in the training as such, will uphold the applicable EU, national and international rules and legislation, including the European Convention on Human Rights. It is meant to improve the existing interrogation practices of the consortia members as it is based on investigative interviewing, and more particularly the PEACE-model³ 'best practice method', recommended by the United Nations as the best model to prevent mistreatment and coercion and to safeguard human rights.

The Commission has conducted recently also a technical review of the project consisting of an in-depth examination of the project implementation, confirming its compliance with its work plan. This document is not published.

¹ Israel's participation in Horizon 2020 is governed by the Agreement on Israel's Association to the Programme. Furthermore, Horizon 2020 projects must comply with any relevant Commission decisions, including the Commission Notice nr 2013/C-205/05 establishing Guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards.

² Such as the use of personal data, the involvement of non-EU countries, or dual use.

³ <http://i-sight.com/resources/investigative-interviewing-techniques-the-peace-model/>