Victim Support Portal – an interactive portal to support victims of academic misconduct

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Purpose of ENAI

to support
higher education institutions
to work together
in the field of
academic integrity
ENAI Activities & Working groups

• Events
  • Annual conferences
  • Summer schools
• Web page with resources
  • Educational materials
  • Glossary, Guidelines
  • Self-evaluation tools
• Regular newsletter
  • every 2 months
• Social media
  • Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn
Is there a need for a support network?

“My PhD advisor stole my research data!”

“One of my co-authors manipulated data and now I’m being accused!”

“My teaching materials are being used elsewhere without my consent!”

“I’ve reported a bad action and now I’m being persecuted!”

“My supervisor threatened me, if I ever report that he harassed me!”

“I’m not a co-author of a paper I did most of the work!”

“My paper was plagiarised!”
ENAI’s vision


Development of an interactive web portal for victims of academic malpractices

Prototype presented at ENAI Annual Conference in Dubai 2020

FAITH project: enable further developments and long-term support network for victims

Support for the Victims of Academic Misconduct WG

Partnership between Mendel University (Czechia) and University of Nicosia (Cyprus)
Interactive portal and support network for victim of academic misconduct

**Aim**

- To establish a confidential **support network** for victims of academic misconduct
- To provide an **advisory service** for people affected by unethical academic conduct
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THE COMMON TYPES OF ACADEMIC & RESEARCH MALPRACTICE

- Authorship Abuse
- Contract Cheating
- Fabrication
- Falsification
- Exploitative Relationship
- Plagiarism

https://academicintegrity.eu/victims/
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- ✔ Anyone can expose their problem in confidence
- ✔ Private posts
- ✔ Select the category
- ✔ Select the mentor

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<td>NOTE: Your request and all communications will remain private and only be visible to our mentors. A mentor will contact you shortly after you have submitted your request. Where appropriate, certain responses, together with the advice provided by mentors, may be made publicly available on the Portal, but only after all personal details have been removed. This information will serve to help others in similar situations. Approved consent is required from the person who posted the request before any anonymized case details are made publicly available on the Portal.</td>
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Meet our mentors!
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- Cases made public after receiving consent from the victim
- Raise awareness and support people facing similar problems
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### Stories
- [ ] Real cases of academic and research misconduct
- [ ] Open discussions

### Blog
- [ ] Personal reflections from mentors on issues of academic or research malpractice
- [ ] Open discussions

### Resources
- [ ] Relevant bibliography
- [ ] Guideline documents
- [ ] Webinar
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Stories

Fired postdoc faked recommendation letters from supervisor

Following the filing of a complaint and affidavit in July 2022, Georgios Laliri, a postdoctoral researcher from Ohio State University (OSU), was found guilty of creating and sending fake recommendation letters, supposed to be from his supervisor, Dr. Philip Tsichlis. It all started when Laliri's contract at OSU was terminated ...

Plagiarism: the two sides of the coin

The narrative around plagiarism is often extremely simplified. There is a plagiarist and there is a victim. It's a simple and compelling narrative. There is a bad person who has stolen or lifted from a good person by using their work without the decency of at least giving them proper ...

“You can't cheat to cure a disease” (by: Matthew Schrag)

You cannot hide from misconduct, not even underwater!
Frequently Asked Questions

Here you may find useful information about the Victim Support Portal and the answers to your questions. If you don’t find an answer to your question, please email us at victims@academicintegrity.eu. We hope that you will find useful tips and information here.

About the Portal

+ Why was the Victim Support Portal created?
+ Can I disseminate the Victim Support Portal to my institutional and personal contacts and social media?
+ Can I use the documents and other resources available in the Portal?

Asking a question or sharing a situation

+ How can I ask a question or share a problem of misconduct or questionable practice in research or education that I am currently experiencing?
+ Can I ask a question or share an example of misconduct or questionable practice in research or education that I have experienced in the past?
+ Can I ask for support on behalf of someone else?
+ Do you promise to solve my problem if I ask for support?
+ Do I need to be registered in the Portal to post a request?
+ If I wish to withdraw my request, how long will it take to process it?
Victim Support Portal - Impact

Conference presentations

- 2 Oral communications – ECAIP 22 & QQI 10th Anniversary Conference
- 1 Leaflet - WCRI

Local disseminations

- ENAI PhD Summer School
- COMU PostgraduateIntroductory Lecture
- Interview – Universitas (CZ)
Victim Support Portal - Impact

✓ 5 victims supported;
✓ 1 case made public (after anonymisation);
✓ Cases: Plagiarism; working dispute; data issues
✓ > 6000 page views
✓ > 550 users from 60 countries
Pomozte šířit

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