

Online Workshop

“Consultative Research Ethics Tool in Qualitative Social Research”

1 September 2025, 2:00–5:00 p.m. (CET), via Zoom

The CHANGER team at the Institute of Sociology, LMU Munich, is currently developing a consultative tool to support both researchers and Research Ethics Committees (RECs) in conducting research ethics consultations and reviews in the context of qualitative social science research. The approach acknowledges the specific characteristics of qualitative research, including its emphasis on openness, contextual sensitivity, and processual dynamics. The tool is designed to foster peer-based, dialogical formats of consultation that complement researchers’ ongoing ethical self-reflection as well as formal procedures of institutional ethics review.

To invite feedback on the tool, we are organizing an online workshop, which will take place on **September 1, 2025, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom**. The three-hour session will be conducted in German and present preliminary findings from the interviews and focus groups conducted within the CHANGER project and offer an opportunity to collaboratively test and discuss the emerging tool.

What to expect in the workshop:

- Presentation of preliminary results from the CHANGER project
- Presentation of a supportive tool for peer-based consultation and reflection on ethical aspects of qualitative social research
- Discussion of potential use cases and avenues for further development

To register for the workshop, please send an email by **August 1, 2025** to:

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The EU-funded project "Challenges and Innovative Changes in Research Ethics Reviews" (CHANGER) deals with current challenges in research ethics reviews (<https://changer-project.eu/>). We aim to gather diverse stakeholder perspectives across European countries and disciplines on emerging challenges in ethics reviews. These challenges may arise from new technologies, research practices, or other factors not adequately addressed in current processes. Our goal is to develop innovative solutions to support researchers and ethics committees in navigating ethical considerations.

You can also find information about the LMU team and a project description on the LMU website: <https://www.qualitative-sozialforschung.soziologie.uni-muenchen.de/forschung/forschungsprojekte1/changer/index.html>

Kind regards

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