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## **Non-European Countries Ethics Requirement N°4**

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# 1. Executive summary

The HOOP project aims to unlock bio-based investments and deploy local bioeconomies in Europe through a systemic and cross-cutting approach. It will offer project development assistance to a group of 8 Lighthouse Cities and Regions to build the technical, economic, financial and legal expertise needed to develop concrete investments to valorise biowaste and wastewater, with the aim of obtaining safe and sustainable bio-based products.

Although the title of the deliverable refers to Non-European Countries (NEC), the term *non-EU countries* has been preferred for the text, as most of the countries outside EU involved in HOOP are located in Europe. The HOOP project counts in the partnership with parties representing the region of Bergen, in Norway, a non-EU country. The objective of this deliverable is to provide details on the flow of materials between EU and non-EU countries and on actions taken to assure that EU principles and regulations are respected. No import/export of critical material goods is expected along the whole duration of the HOOP project, apart from those required for the organization of events and meetings scheduled in the Grant Agreement: flyers, banners, give-aways such as pencils and, in general, printable and merchandising material.

A list of other kinds of interactions other than materials exchange is also provided. Actually, the project is developing online platforms for the replicability of HOOP attainments that will be addressed to cities, regions, waste management companies and investors from the whole European continent and eventually neighbouring regions, no matter whether they belong, or not, to the European Union (EU).

In summary, it has been identified that the most sensitive interaction is the flow of data, including personal data, which is further explained in Deliverable 10.2. Therefore, no significant ethical concerns are foreseen in the HOOP project in relation with non-EU countries.

