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Overview: This document presents an overview of the research ethics applications that have been submitted and approved to date, supporting and underpinning data collection for the SignON project. This includes focus groups with deaf and hard of hearing people that support our co-construction approach and data that supports our hospitality use case goal.

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Acronyms

The following table provides definitions for acronyms and terms relevant to this document.

Acronym	Definition
REC	Research Ethics Committee

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1. Overview

This report presents an overview of the research ethics approvals that have been secured across the life of the SignON project to date.

2. Ethics Approvals Secured to date

All applications were reviewed by the SignON Research Ethics Committee (REC) (see D9.1) ahead of their submission to the home institution of the academic applying for REC approval, adding an additional layer of quality assurance for the process.

Our Ref	Lead Applicants	Institution	Study Title	Local REC Reference Number (if available)
2021/1	Dimitar Shterionov Andy Way Aoife Brady	DCU	Amendment to a preliminary (2019) application that had been approved to support the collection of data via focus groups for the SignON project	DCUREC/2019/182
2021/2	Lorraine Leeson	Trinity College Dublin	SignON Project: facilitating the exchange of information among deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing individuals across Europe.	TT66
2022/1	Rachel Moisselle	Trinity	Language Planning in Action: The	HT47

	and Lorraine Leeson	College Dublin	Development of New Terminology in Irish Sign Language	
2022/2	Lien Soetemans, Frank Van Eynde, Myriam Vermeerbergen	KU Leuven	SignON - Mobiele applicatie voor gebarentaalvertaling en open communicatiekader This application was adapted and re-submitted at KU Leuven in April 2023 to make it possible for other partners to roll out the survey in their own countries.	G-2021-4194-R2(MIN) An amendment was approved in April 2023 - G-2021-4194-R3 (AMD)
2022/3	Myriam Vermeerbergen, Tim Van De Cruys and Lien Soetemans	KU Leuven	Online taalgebruik bij dove Vlaamse Gebarentaligen in live en uitgestelde settings	G-2022-5482-R2(MIN)
2022/4	Mirella De Sisto and Dimitar Shterionov	University of Tilburg	SignON focus groups conducted in collaboration with Nederlands Gebarentaligheidscentrum and TaalUnie	REDC 2022.28
2022/5	Mirella De Sisto and Dimitar Shterionov	University of Tilburg	Focus groups interviews and discussions with deaf, hearing and hard of hearing participants for SignON user requirements and case-studies	REDC 2022.32 Also an amendment approved - REDC 202232a
2023/1	Dimitar Shterionov and Mirella De Sisto	University of Tilburg	Focus groups interviews and discussions with deaf, hearing and hard of hearing participants for SignON user requirements and case-studies	REDC 2022.32ab (Note: "amendment a" was for the survey, and "amendment b" was to facilitate collection of video data for the two data collection projects, NGT-HoReCo (funded by the ELE project) and GoSt-ParC-Sign (partially funded by the EAMT).
2023/2	Andy Way and Elizabeth Mathews	DCU	SignON Use Case Hospitality (with and for the whole consortium)	DCUREC/2023/008
2023/3	Lorraine Leeson	Trinity	SignON Use Case Hospitality	TT78

		College Dublin	(additional approval was also needed from TCD)	
2023/4	Horacio Saggion	CIREP - Universitat Pompeu Fabra	SignON - Sign Language Translation Mobile Application and Open Communications Framework (Spanish Survey)	287

3. Conclusions

We are now in the final phase of data collection for the project and expect only a very small number of new REC applications will be made across June-December 2023, including one (forthcoming) from KU Leuven regarding the “Parallel HoReCo corpus (NL-VGT)” which consists of the translation of a corpus of Dutch hotel reviews to Flemish Sign Language (VGT).