

# DOBES

## Legal and Ethical Documents *DOBES-LED-V1*

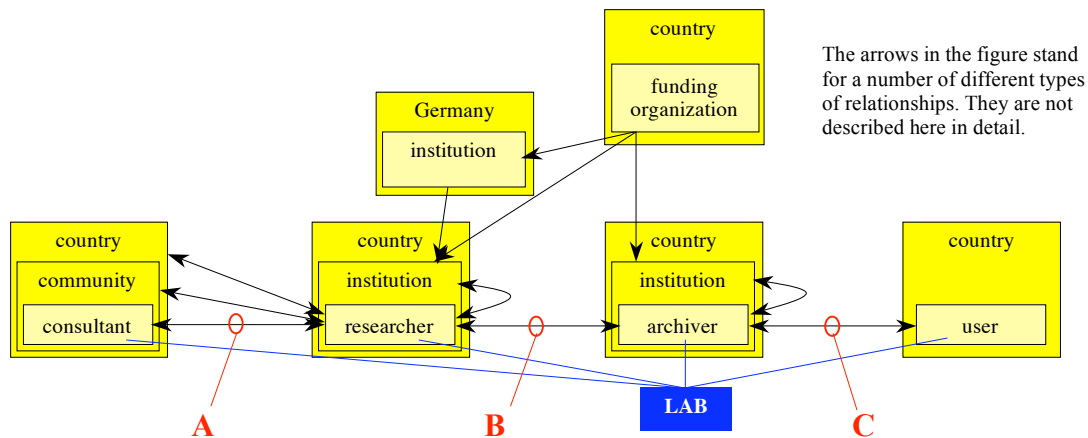
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### General Statements

This document describes the documents that will govern all legal and ethical aspects that are relevant for the DOBES archive.

As indicated in the figure different parties are involved in the DOBES program with different roles. This heterogeneity makes the legal situation so problematic that a number of documents should create as much transparency about the basic principles as possible. We see the following main parties:

- Consultants
- Documentation Project Teams
- German Responsible Researchers
- DOBES archiving team at the MPI for Psycholinguistics
- Volkswagen Foundation as funding agencies
- Users



The relations between the Volkswagen Foundation and the other parties is governed by contracts that are not the subject of this note. The deliverables of each team are described in these contracts. One major agreement is that the documentation teams have to deposit copies of their data in the DOBES archive. Also the interaction between the German host institutions and the documentation teams is governed by formal contracts that are not subject of this note.

Of great relevance are the relations between the other four parties indicated with A, B and C. As long as the responsible researchers from the documentation teams are available there will be no direct link between the archivist and the consultants. The

researchers are the central link for all interactions. A Linguistic Advisory Board will help to find solutions in case of conflicts that may arise.

The following documents guide the interactions between the different parties:

	Document Code	State	Description
X	DOBES-CoC	V2 accepted	The <b>Code of Conduct</b> defining a general framework for all activities of all parties involved except the consultants. All actors in DOBES are bound to adhere to its rules.
A	-	-	It is the responsibility of the researchers to obtain an informed consent with the consultants.
B	DOBES-DAPR	V2 accepted	The <b>Data Access and Protection Rules</b> document describes the activities of the archivist and the ways the archivist will provide access to the data.
B	DOBES-DAA	V1 accepted	The <b>Depositor-Archivist-Agreement</b> describes the terms under which the data provided by a certain documentation team can be made available to others. This agreement is typically signed at the end of a documentation project within DOBES.
C	DOBES-UR	V1 accepted	The <b>Usage Request</b> has to be provided as a filled in web-form by the potential user. He/she specifies the terms of the intended usage of archive material.
C	DOBES-UD	V1 accepted	The <b>Usage Declaration</b> is also a web-form that has to be accepted by the user before actually accessing the data after the archivist has granted access.

### History

Until early 2005 only the Code of Conduct was officially approved as common basis by the DOBES pilot teams. Now all documents listed in the table were approved by the DOBES teams as a basis. They are available on the DOBES web-site and all teams are committed to behave according to its rules. The archive will stepwise implement the agreed measures.