

Ethical and Legal Aspects

FLYSEC devotes Work Package 9 “Privacy, Ethics and Aviation Law” entirely to the study of ethical and legal aspects linked with the project activities, dedicating significant effort to define the ethical requirements in terms of privacy, data protection and non-discrimination of the project R&D activities as well as the final FLYSEC solutions. FLYSEC formed an Ethics Monitoring Committee, which constantly supervises the project activities and convenes when deemed necessary. Furthermore, FLYSEC identifies any regulatory and aviation law gaps and constraints and will provide relevant recommendations that will facilitate the creation of an “Airport of the Future”.

The FLYSEC operational concept has been designed to include specific safeguards to protect individuals against discrimination, stigmatization and unduly prohibition of access to goods and services (a service, in this instance, being the free travel of individuals). Furthermore, FLYSEC takes steps towards the improvement of social inclusion and access to services of citizens with disabilities or illness, combating social stigma. FLYSEC activities will not promote any kind of social exclusion or set barriers to the access of citizens to important services.

Non-discrimination in the FLYSEC context

FLYSEC commits to the application of the European Charter of Fundamental Human Rights and the protection of the individual against all forms of discrimination including direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment or instruction to discriminate, as defined in the FRA Handbook of EU non-discrimination Law¹. FLYSEC adopts these definitions and extends them to all protected grounds as defined in the Charter and the Treaty of Amsterdam, taking also into account the proposal for the horizontal directive that extends the context of EU non-discrimination law and prohibits *discrimination “on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief”* (**Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation {SEC(2008) 2180} {SEC(2008) 2181} /* COM/2008/0426 final - CNS 2008/0140 */**).

¹ FRA Handbook of EU non-discrimination law, available online (Accessed September 2015): http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/1510-FRA-CASE-LAW-HANDBOOK_EN.pdf