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RoLECT: a self-assessment tool against
EOSC RoP Legal & Ethics Compliance

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What is RoLECT?

- Self-assessment tool against EOSC RoP focusing on Legal & Ethics aspects.
- Designed to promote compliance and identify non-compliance with EOSC RoP.
- Prospective resource providers have a hands-on opportunity to verify if the resources meet the legal & ethics standards of EOSC Rules of Participation.
- Targeted audience: any resource providers familiar with legal & ethics conditions related to EOSC RoP.
- Version released: 1.0, May 2021.



EOSC RoP Legal & Ethics Compliance

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Development approach

Guidelines
of EOOSC
Executive
Board RoP
Working
Group

Deconstruct EOOSC
RoP into general
categories
(transparency, legal
aspects, ethics)

Reconstruct units
of rules &
classification
according to
priorities of EOOSC
RoP

Structured flow
of questions
categorized into
three levels of
importance



How it works?



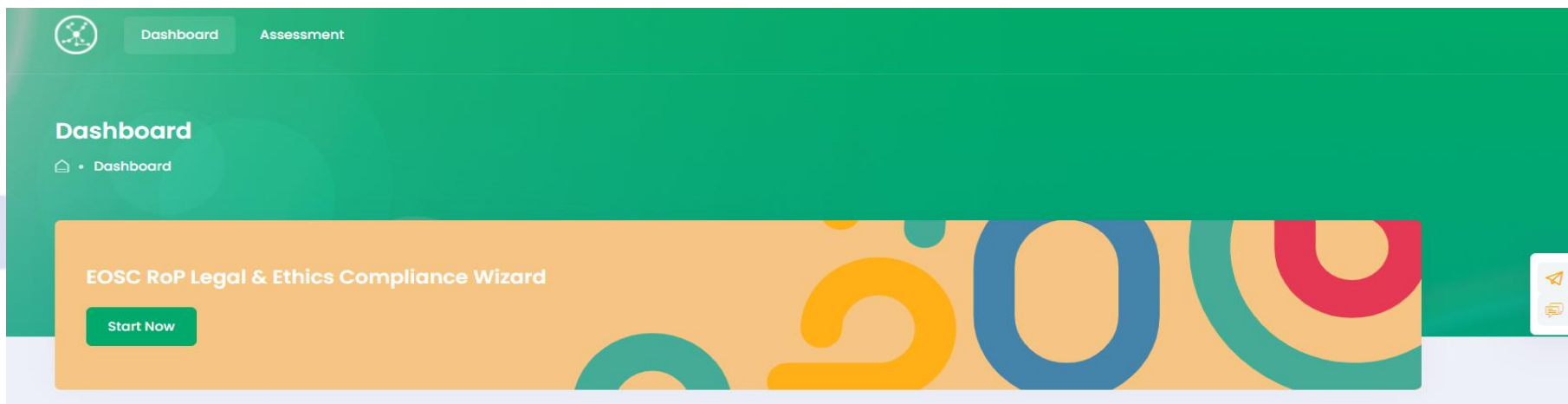
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<https://rolect.ni4os.eu/rolect/auth/login>

Legal and ethics aspects

- **Intellectual Property Rights:** verification that no intellectual property rights of third parties are infringed.
- **Licensing conditions** related to IPR (i.e. open licenses, standard licenses, machine readable licenses).
- **License compatibility assessment** when two or more different open licenses apply (Check lct.ni4os.eu).
- **Public domain:** the provider has to indicate if the resource is in the public domain and thus it can be used.
- Other restrictions: resource falling into the scope of **cultural heritage law**.
- **Personal Data:** minimum level of compliance with GDPR → lawfulness of processing (Art 6§4 GDPR), information obligation (Art. 13, 14 GDPR), and data subjects' rights (Art. 15-22 GDPR).

Legal and ethics aspects

- **Ethics** restrictions: i.e. adherence to a Code of Conduct or to any commonly agreed principles.
- Conditions that may allow (**Public Sector Information**) or restrict the use of the resource (i.e. **trade secrets, confidential information**).
- Definitions of PSI and trade secrets according to Directives (EU) 2019/1024 and 2016/943 respectively.



Thank you!



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