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European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies

Prof Barbara Prainsack, Chair

What we do

We provide the Commission, EP and Council with independent advice on how EU policies should take account of ethical, societal and fundamental rights issues as science and new technologies advance

The two pillars of the EGE

- European Group on Ethics
- EGE Secretariat

Interfacing between ethics and policy

Ethics community

European Commission

EGE Members (mandate 2022-2025)

Barbara Prainsack (Chair);

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Laura Palazzani; Tamar Sharon;

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Renata Veselská; Takis Vidalis

EGE Members

- (Currently) 15 experts appointed based on their expertise in fields such as law, natural and social sciences, philosophy and ethics
- Issue Opinions and Statements that contain evidence-based recommendations

EGE Secretariat

- Special team within the European Commission – DG RTD
- Acts as a liaison between the EGE and the EU Institutions
- Coordinates the process for drafting/adoption of the Opinions and Statements
- Organises expert hearings and other releant events
- Prepares special policy briefings/policy landscape reports

How we work

- request by EU Institutions
- literature review / Hear EC policy-makers and experts
- detailed analysis and development of policy recommendations
- Delivery and dissemination of our Opinions and Statements

Range of topics of our Opinions & Statements

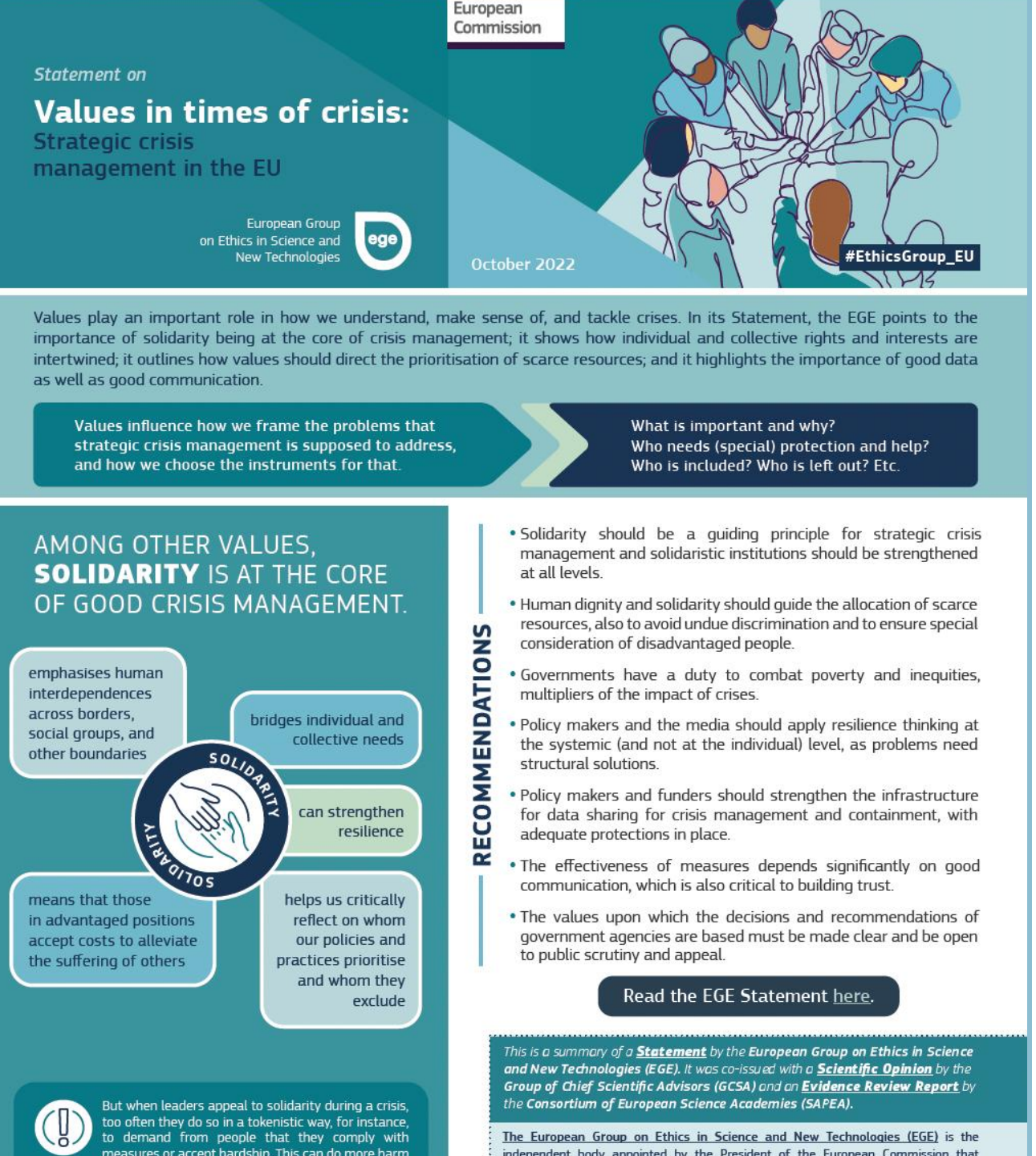
- Democracy in the Digital Age
- Genome Editing
- Pandemic preparedness and management
- Future of Work, Future of Society
- New Health Technologies and Citizen Participation
- Security and Surveillance Technologies
- Research, production and use of energy
- Information and communica-tion technologies
- Synthetic biology
- Agricultural technologies

Range of topics of our Opinions & Statements

Animal cloning for food supply	Review of hESC FP7 research projects	Nanomedicine	ICT Implants in the Human Body	Umbilical cord blood banking
Genetic testing in the workplace	Clinical research in developing countries	Patenting inventions involving human stem cells	Human stem cell research and use	Doping in sport

Latest Opinions

- *Ongoing work on Solar Radiation Modification (December 2024), The Green Transition as a Just Transition (2025), etc.*
- Defending Democracy in Europe (2024)
- Democracy in the Digital Age (2023)
- Values in times of crisis: Strategic crisis management in the EU (2022)
- Values for the future: the role of ethics in European and global governance (2021)
- Ethics of Genome Editing (2021)
- Improving pandemic preparedness and management – jointly with the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA) (2020)
- Future of Work, Future of Society (2018)



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