

A support for victims of academic misconduct: an interactive portal and support network

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PR1 Develop a benchmark for Academic Integrity Policies in Higher Education

PR2 Educational tools to detect and deter academic misconduct in Higher Education

PR3 Support Network for Victims of Academic Misconduct



Is there a need for a support network?

“My PhD advisor stole my research data!”

“I’ve reported a bad action and now I’m being persecuted!”

“One of my co-authors manipulated data and now I’m being accused!”

“My supervisor threatened me, if I ever report that he sexually harassed me!”

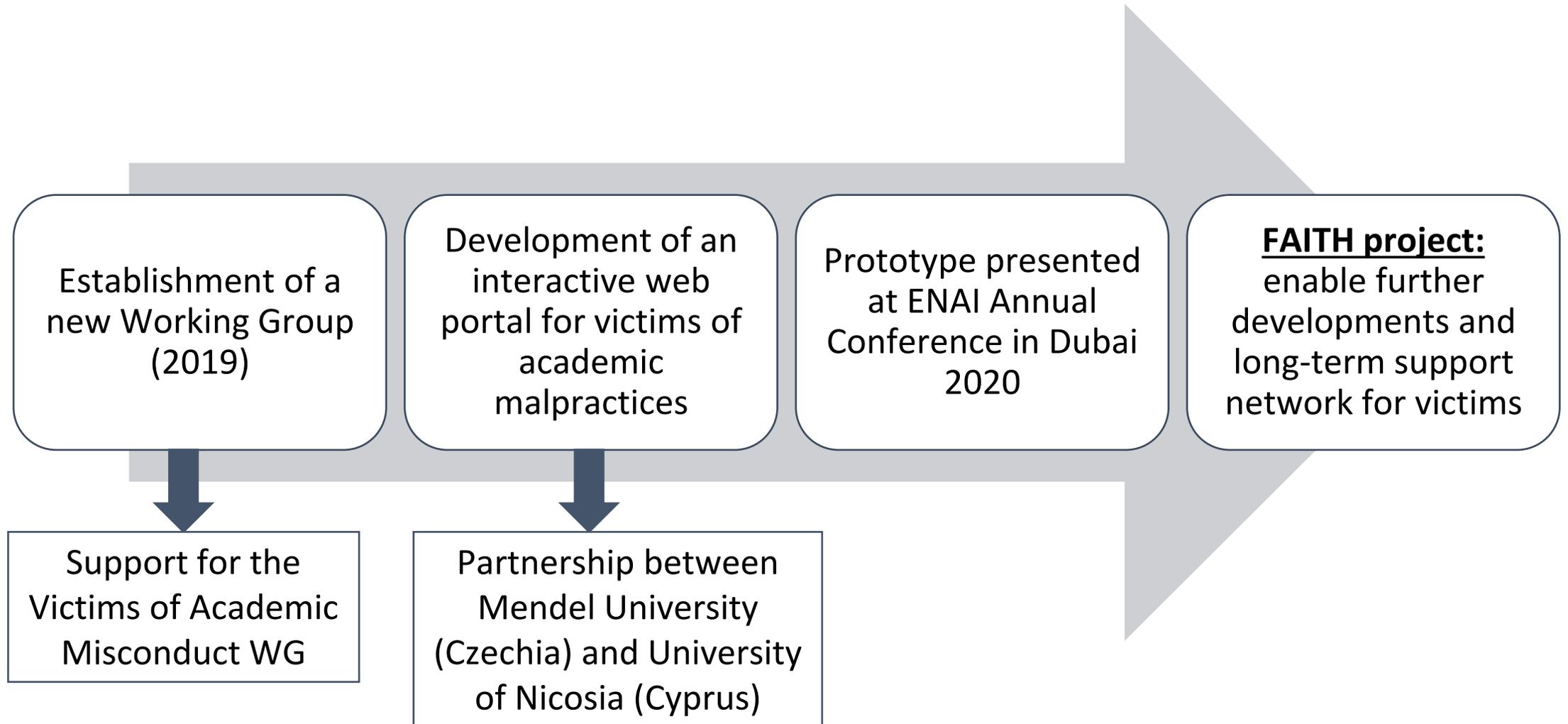


“My teaching materials are being used elsewhere without my consent!”

“My paper was plagiarised!”

“I’m not a co-author of a paper I did most of the work!”

ENAI's vision



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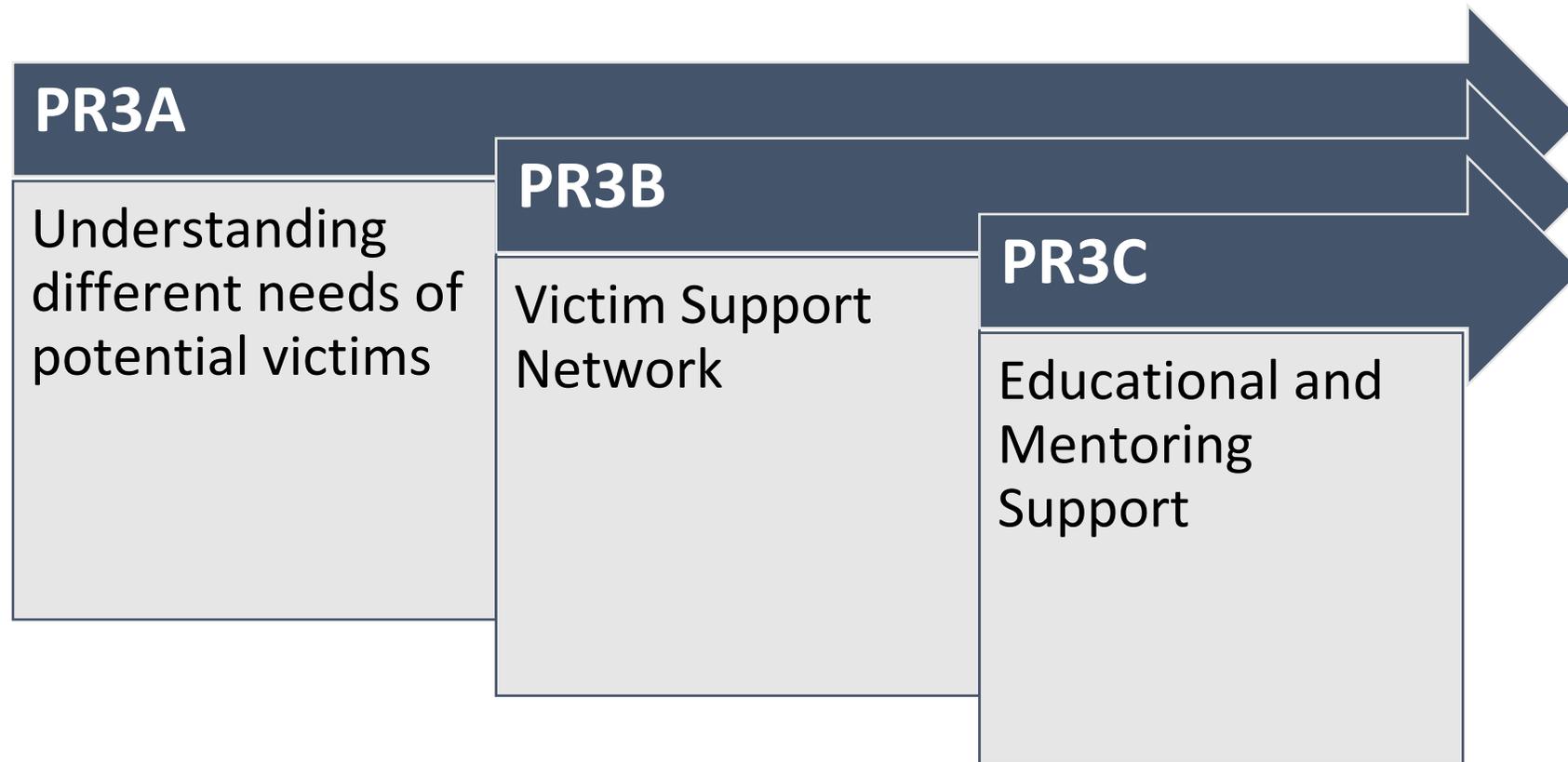


Aim

To establish a confidential support network for victims of academic misconduct

To provide an advisory service for people affected by unethical academic conduct

The methodological framework



The methodological framework

PR3A

- Literature Review
- Analysis of anonymised data from previous requests
- Online Survey

PR3B

- Victims support network: continuous operations & developments
- Supporting Group: sharing of cases from beneficiaries
- FAQs

PR3C

- List of mentors according to partners' expertises
- Educational and supporting guideline resources

Overview of our Victims Support Portal



[Home](#) [Ask a question](#) [Stories](#) [Supporting Group](#) [FAQs](#) [Login](#) [Registration](#)

<http://dev.academicintegrity.eu/victims/>

Contact our Community!

THE COMMON TYPES OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

- Authorship Abuse
- Contract Cheating
- Data Falsification
- Exploitative Relationship
- Plagiarism



SCAN ME

How can we support you?



- ✓ **Ask a question to get our support!**
- ✓ You may post your query in private or public mode
- ✓ If your question requires a personal support, a mentor will contact you!
- ✓ We have a list of mentors that are experts in different aspects of Academic Integrity!

A screenshot of the 'Ask a question' form on the faith website. The form is titled 'Ask a question' in teal. It includes a 'Title' section with a 'Question title' input field and a 'Question in one sentence' input field. Below that is a 'Description' section with an 'Insert image' button and a rich text editor toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, link, unlink, list, quote, and code. The form also has a 'Is private?' section with a radio button for 'Only visible to admin and moderator', which is highlighted by a blue arrow. Below this are 'Your Name' and 'Your Email' input fields. At the bottom, there is a 'Submit Question' button and a small note: 'An account for you will be created and a confirmation link will be sent to you with the password.'

How can we support you?



✓ Check previous queries from other people.

These might be helpful to you!

✓ All public and private queries will obtain a response from a mentor!

✓ Engage in our Supporting Group to share your voice! You are not alone!

A screenshot of a Medium article titled "Plagiarized Medium article". The article is part of a "Supporting Group" on Medium. The question, posted by Richard Všíanský (anonymous) on 23. 4. 2020, describes a plagiarism issue where another author used parts of his work without consent. The answer, posted by Tomáš Foltýnek on the same date, explains that plagiarism is a violation of intellectual property rights and advises contacting the original author and Medium editors if necessary. The "Supporting Group" link in the top navigation bar is circled in red.

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Plagiarized Medium article

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Richard Všíanský (anonymous) 23. 4. 2020 0 Comments

Hello everyone,

a few months back I have written an article about an open source project we are working on: <https://medium.com/javascript-in-plain-english/data-driven-approach-to-forms-with-react-c59d44a7923>

Today, I have discovered (I was googling references to our project) that another author has used whole paragraphs from my article in his tutorial on the same web without any citations: <https://medium.com/@yudhajitadikary/how-to-create-reactive-forms-using-data-driven-forms-in-react-be551a774f1>

I would like to ask how I should act now? It's an open source project, so I am glad that someone else writes about it, however, I don't like the fact the author is using parts of my article without any consent and acknowledgements.

Thanks,
Richard

Tomáš Foltýnek Answered question 23. 4. 2020

1 Answer Oldest Newest Voted Active

Tomáš Foltýnek Posted 23. 4. 2020 0 Comments

Dear Richard,

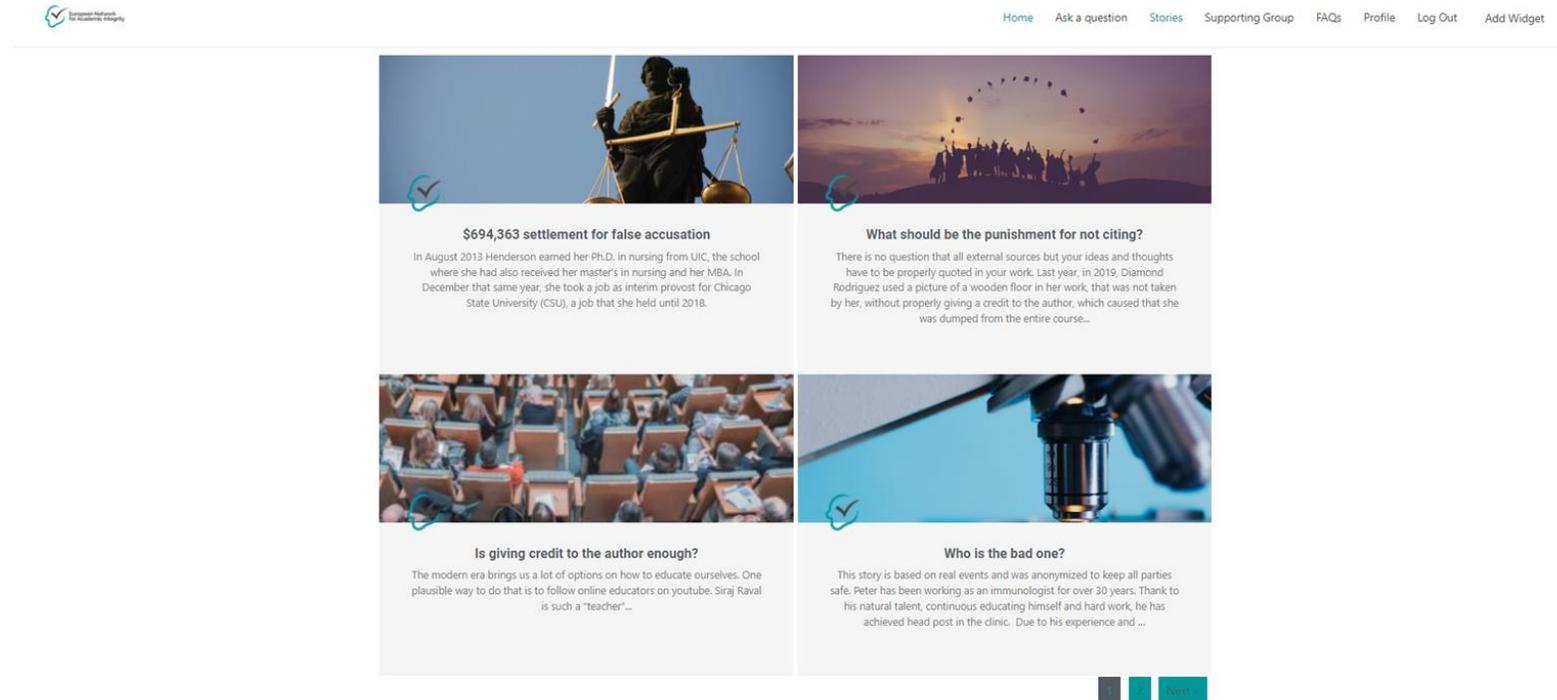
Yes, you may feel good that someone else finds your work useful. However, without proper acknowledgment, this act constitutes plagiarism, violates your intellectual property rights as well as the [Medium Terms of Service](#).

I suggest you contact the author of the questionable article and ask him to add references to your work. If he refuses to do it or does not reply to you at all, the second step should be to contact Medium editors. If they want to keep the good reputation of their portal, they should help you with this issue.

How can we support you?



- ✓ Learn about Academic Misconduct practices?
- ✓ Check our Stories section! You may leave your comments!
- ✓ Are you looking for guidelines and other resources to best support you in cases of academic misconduct?
- ✓ Check our educational and resources section (under development)!



Are you afraid to be detected if posting a query? Are you unsure about how to post a query and the utility of this page?



✓ Check our List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

✓ In the FAQs section you may find answers to common queries about private/public posts, information displayed and what to do if you are a victim of Academic Misconduct

A screenshot of the Faith website's 'Frequently Asked Questions' page. The page has a white background with a teal header. At the top left is the Faith logo, and at the top right is a navigation menu with links for Home, Ask a question, Stories, Supporting Group, FAQs, Profile, Log Out, and Add Widget. The main heading is 'Frequently Asked Questions' in teal. Below it is a paragraph explaining that the page contains answers to common questions and that more will be added over time. A section titled 'About Website' follows, containing four questions with teal minus-sign bullet points: 'How long it will take to delete my question?', 'What information will be public if I use social login via Google account?', 'Why this page was created?', and 'Are questions anonymous or private?'. Each question is followed by a short explanatory paragraph.

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— Why this page was created?

ENAI recognized that victims of any academic misconduct usually have no easy option to solve their disadvantaged situation. That has led to the development of this portal, that aims to help victims and open conversation about the severity and numerosity of academic misconduct.

— Are questions anonymous or private?

Yes. It is up to you, how much detail you will share in your story. You definitely don't have to publish any specific detail that would place you at the risk of recognizing. In case you cannot describe your situation without specific information we recommend you to post the question as private (click on the button „Only visible for admin and moderator“).

— What user information will be displayed in Supporting Group?

If you are **not registered** and you want to ask a question, then you have to provide **nickname** and **email** address . The question will be shown using only your nickname and if anyone provide an answer to your question, you will be notified via the email.

If you are **already registered** user, the question will contain your first name and last name that you provided while creating an account. If you want to use a different name (whether you wan't to stay anonymous or you did not provide your real name and you want to ask a question using your real name), you can change your name in profile.

Others

— What should be the first thing to do if you happen to be victim of academic misconduct?

Your rights should be described in the university's **Code of Ethics** or in similar document, read it through and find out what are your options. Try to find someone at your institution whose responsibility is to deal with cases of academic misconduct.

Now that you have learned about our Victims Support Portal...

- ✓ Spread the word!
- ✓ Help us build a supporting community for victims of academic misconduct!
- ✓ Be part of this community – **Register and share stories and resources!**
- ✓ Make your suggestions! **What would you like to see in our Portal?**
- ✓ Keep an eye to our latest developments!



Thank you for your Attention!



✓ Any Questions and suggestions?



✓ Feel free to reach us anytime:
victims@academicintegrity.eu

