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

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Is there a need for a support network?

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"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!"

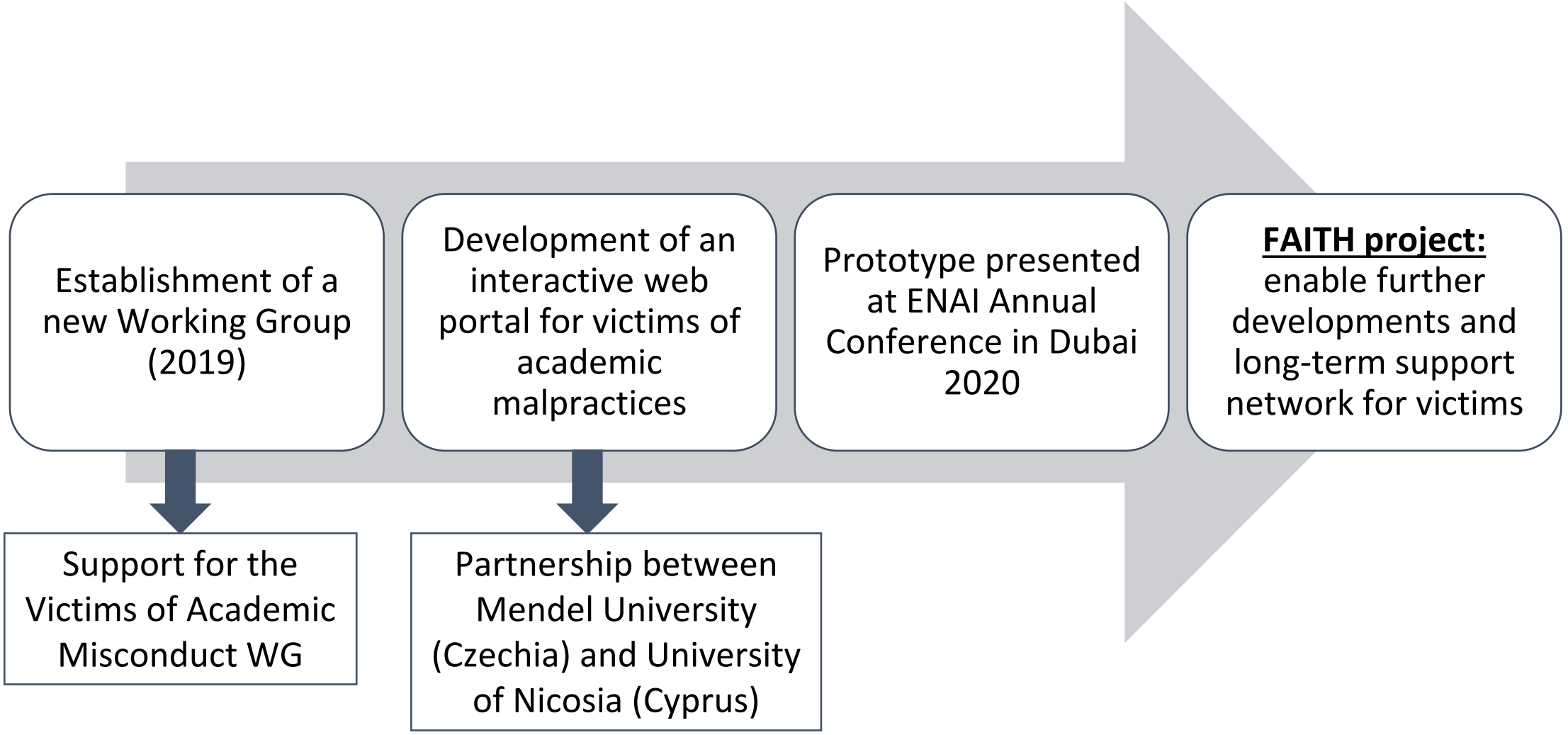
"My supervisor threatned me, if I ever report that he sexually harrassed me!"

"My paper was plagiarised!"

"My teaching materials are being used elsewhere without my consent!"

"I'm not a co-author of a paper I did most of the work!"

ENAI's vision



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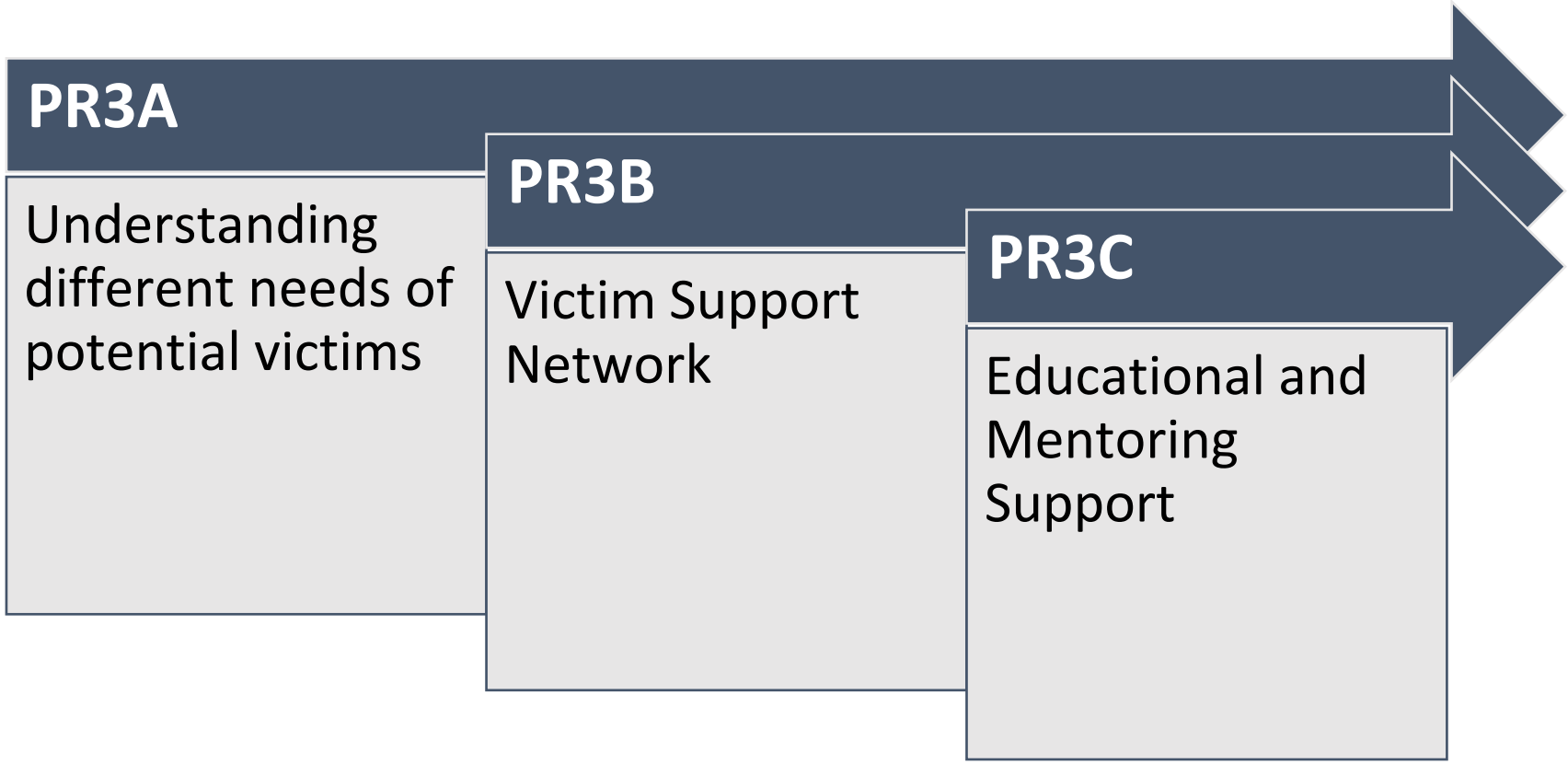
Aim

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



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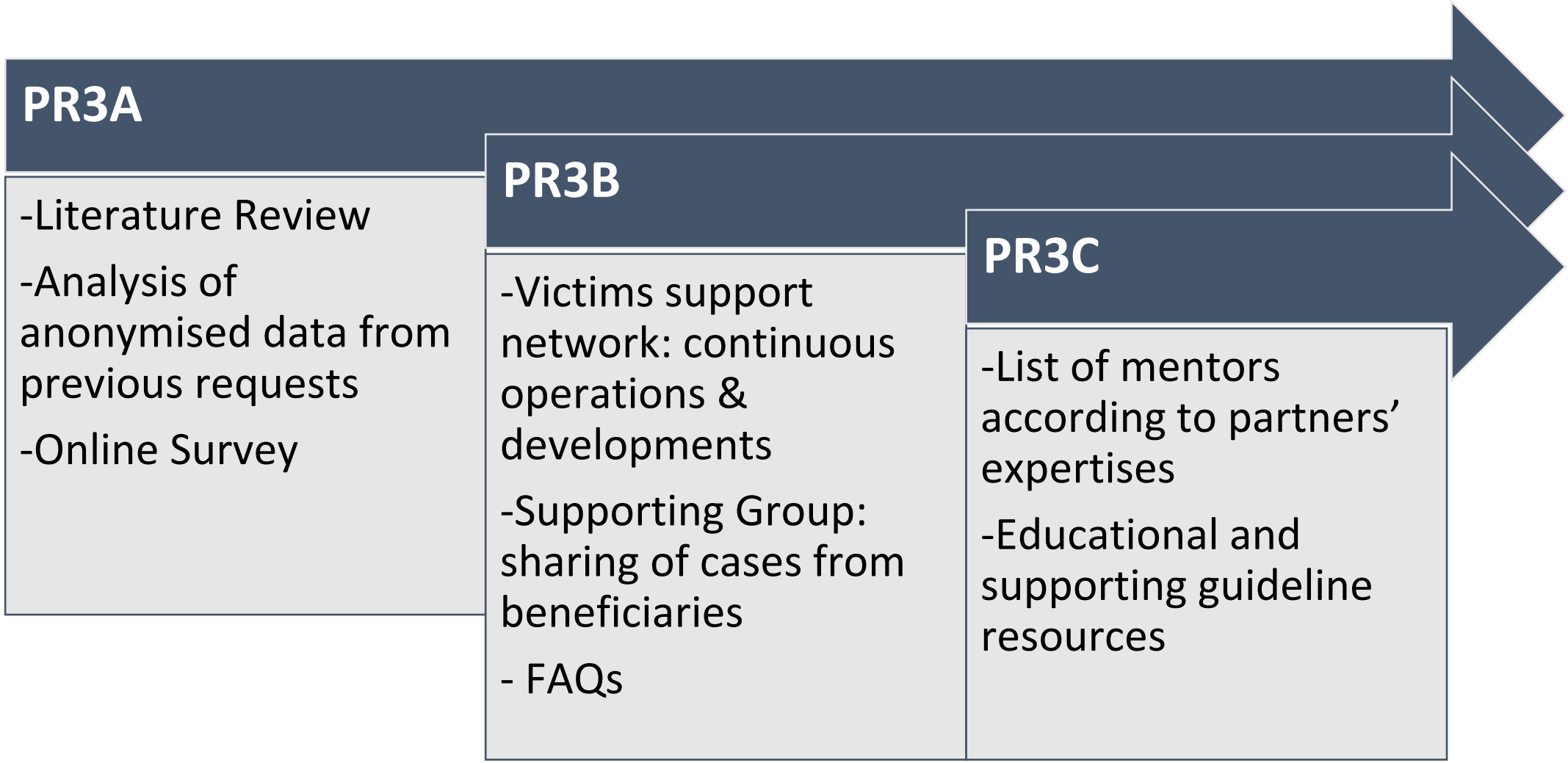
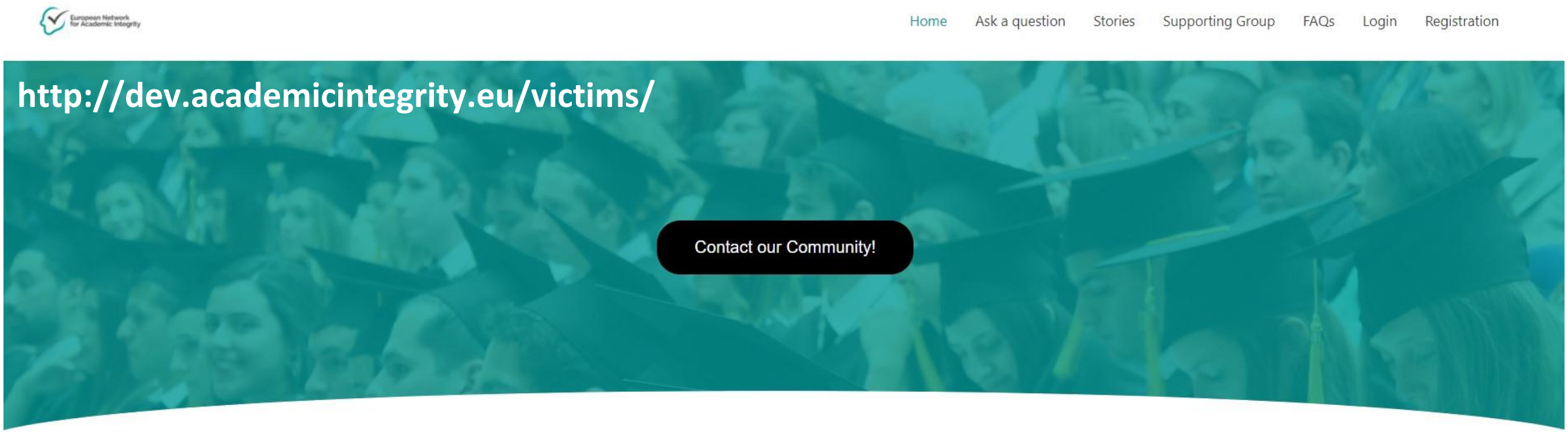


Overview of our Victims Support Portal



THE COMMON TYPES OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

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

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How can we support you?

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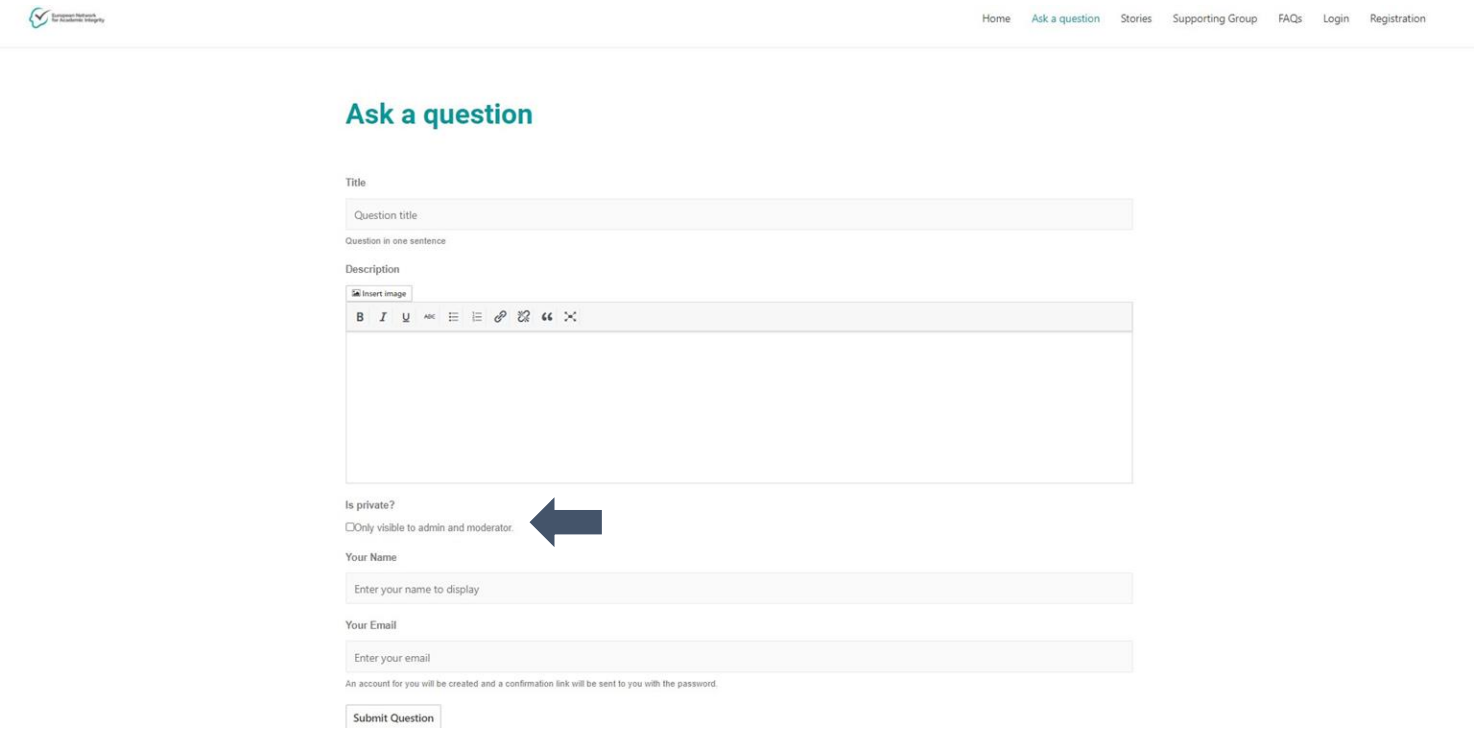
- ✓**<u>Ask a question to get our support</u>**!
- ✓You may post your query in private or public mode
- ✓If your question requires a personal support, a mentor will contact you!
- ✓We have a list of mentors that are experts in different aspects of Academic Integrity!



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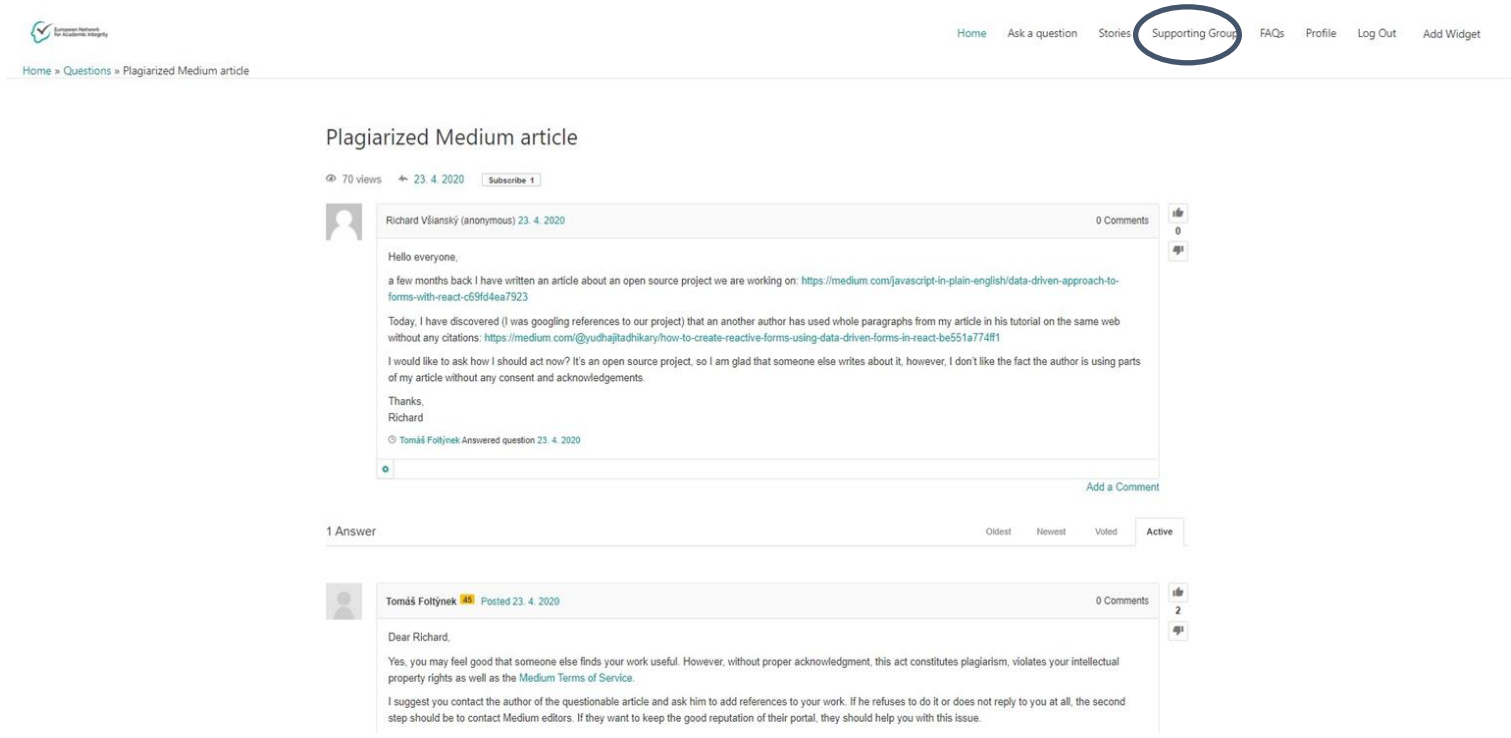
- ✓**<u>Check previous queries from other people</u>**. These might be helpful to you!
- ✓All public and private queries will obtain a response from a mentor!
- ✓Engage in our Supporting Group to share your voice! You are not alone!



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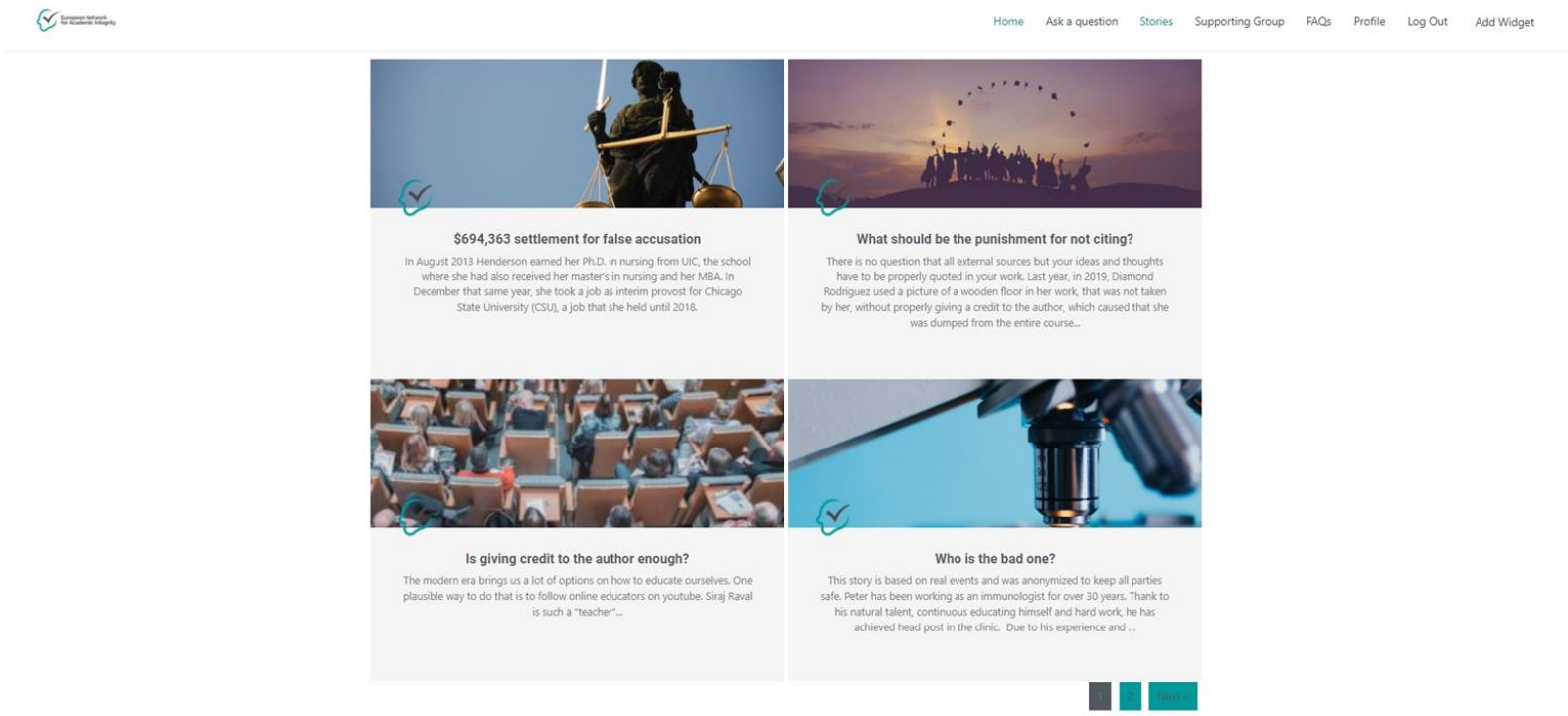
- ✓**<u>Learn about Academic Misconduct practices?</u>**
- ✓Check our Stories section! You may leave your comments!
- ✓Are you looking for guidelines and other resources to best support you in cases of academic misconduct?
- ✓Check our educational and resources section (<u>under development</u>)!



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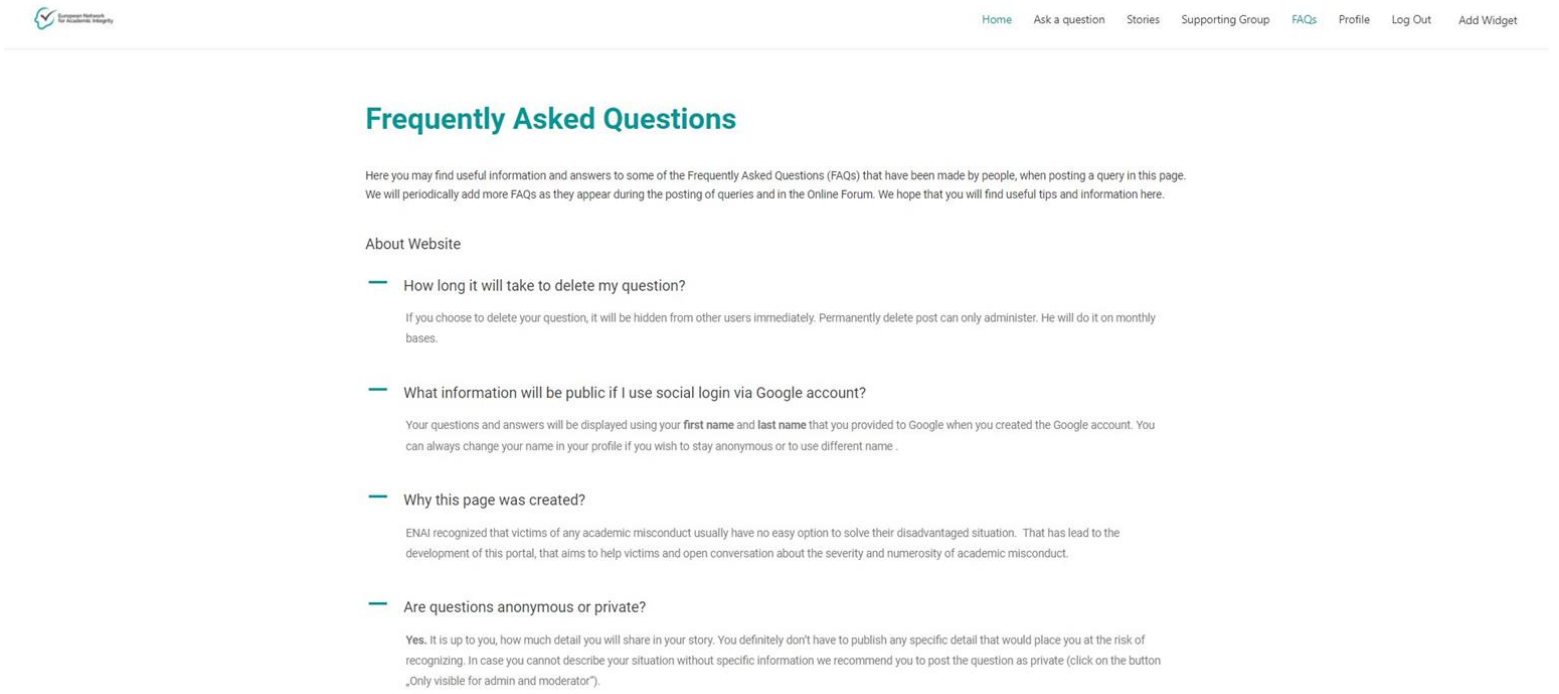
✓**<u>Check our List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)</u>**

✓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



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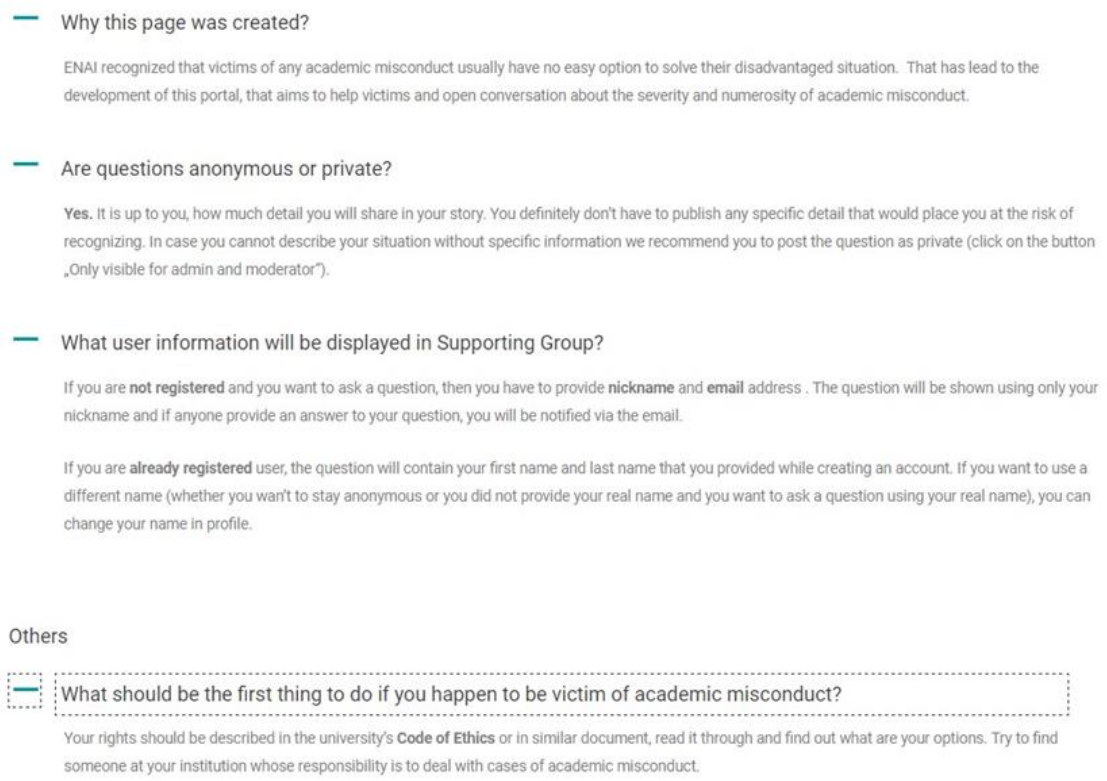

— Why this page was created?

ENAI recognized that victims of any academic misconduct usually have no easy option to solve their disadvantaged situation. That has lead 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!

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✓**Any Questions and suggestions?**

✓Feel free to reach us anytime:

victims@academicintegrity.eu

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