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« ETHICS AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERT APPRAISAL »

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SUMMARY

Standing at the crossroads of relations between science and society, expert appraisal is central to many debates. In 2003, CNRS Chairman Gérard Mégie asked the COMETS Ethics Committee to contribute to this subject. This text is only the first stage of deliberations that COMETS intends to pursue and which it wishes to enrich and update, in particular through case analyses and, more broadly, by benefiting from both national and international experience.

After starting a project on Ethics and Assessment (see: <http://www2.cnrs.fr/band/254.htm>), COMETS therefore instigated deliberations on Ethics and Expert Appraisal. It quickly became clear that these two subjects overlapped in many areas and that the two texts complemented each other.

