

# Trust in VHT

Breakout session, EDITH public meeting  
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# Agenda session

- 9:00 – 9:05: Welcome
- 9:05-9:20: General introduction
  - Who are we?
  - Why are you here?
  - Introduction to the theme
- 9:20-10:30: Parallel breakout sessions
- 10:30-11:00: Recap of main discussion points to group

# Who are we?

- 4 social scientists + 1 legal researcher
- LSS lab KU Leuven, Belgium
  - Analysing social impacts of life sciences on human connections & society
- In Silico World project (No. 101016503) on lowering the barriers to the uptake of in silico trials
  - RRI: Stakeholder engagement activities



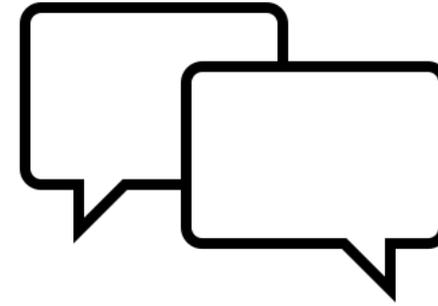
# Why are you here?

Establishing trust in VHT ecosystem = crucial for advancements of field  
but

- Trust = situational, not-rational, broad, complex & relational concept
- Definition: the **willingness** of a **trusting entity** (the trustor) to be **vulnerable** to a **trusted entity** (the trustee) with respect to a pertinent domain, a trust object, against a backdrop **of risk and uncertainty** (Akiyoshi, 2022)
- ❓ *Following this, can we even trust a technology, such as a VHT? Or do we place trust in the network behind it, the VHT ecosystem? (Akiyoshi,, 2022; Steerling, 2023)*
- Trust is built on foundation of trustworthiness
  - VHT technology can be trustworthy, but what elements contribute to the this quality? What makes VHT trustworthy within the broader ecosystem?
  - What are important factors for you?

(Akiyoshi,, 2022; Steerling, 2023)

# Breakout discussion



- STEP 1: Introduce yourself in 1/2 sentences  
*(name, background, interest, what brings you to this event, why did you pick this session)*
- STEP 2: read & discuss each scenario
- STEP 3: report main discussion points back to the group at the end

THANK YOU!



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