

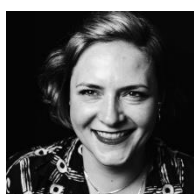
The DECIDE-VerA core team (in alphabetical order)



André Krom is an assistant professor at the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Law at Leiden University Medical Center. With a PhD in philosophy, his expertise spans bioethics, public health ethics, and the legal-ethical implications of emerging technologies. André plays a key role in guiding policy and research on responsible innovation, particularly where new technologies intersect with public values such as autonomy, justice, and solidarity. His work often focuses on issues like data use in healthcare, AI and decision support systems, and the governance of health innovations. As both a researcher and advisor, André bridges theoretical ethics with real-world applications, ensuring that health policy and technological development are informed by critical ethical reflection. He is also affiliated with several academic institutions and regularly publishes on the normative aspects of health and technology, contributing to the development of ethically robust public health strategies.



Ildikó Vajda is a Senior Advisor for Patient Interests at Patiëntenfederatie Nederland, focusing on the integration of digital technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), into healthcare from a patient-centered perspective. With a PhD in Neuroscience and over eight years of experience in fundamental research, she transitioned into applied research, modeling biological knowledge for AI systems. Since 2011, she has collaborated with patient organizations, healthcare professionals, and IT experts to make healthcare more patient-centered in the digital age. At Patiëntenfederatie Nederland, she contributes to national and EU-level policy development on AI, data reuse, and ethics in digital health. She has played a role in the Dutch Integral Care Agreement and serves on several steering committees and advisory boards concerning privacy, ethics, and AI. Additionally, she chairs the Societal Advisory Board of the Health Data Access Body in the Netherlands.



Indre Kalinauskaitė is an Assistant Professor at UMC Utrecht's Julius Center, where she leads research on inclusive, people-centred innovation in public health. Her work focuses on understanding complex socio-technical systems to develop interventions tailored to the unique needs of local communities. She emphasises collaboration across diverse scientific disciplines, engaging with societal partners, and involving relevant stakeholders to facilitate sustainable public health solutions. Indre has contributed to projects like STITCH, aiming to transform mental healthcare systems by addressing gaps and optimising care coordination. Her research also explores the dynamics of living labs, advocating for transdisciplinary collaborations to tackle societal challenges. With a background in environmental psychology and design research, Indre is dedicated to bridging the gap between technological innovation and societal needs, ensuring that public health interventions are both effective and equitable.



Jan van Staalduinen is a PhD candidate at the Institute for Private Law at Leiden University, where he researches the intersection of artificial intelligence and medical liability. Holding both an MSc in Bioinformatics and an LLM in Private Law (both cum laude) from Leiden University, Jan brings a multidisciplinary perspective to his work. His research focuses on the legal challenges posed by AI algorithms in healthcare, particularly regarding liability issues. He has contributed to discussions on the applicability of the revised EU Product Liability Directive to AI-based Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSSs), advocating for adaptations to ensure patient safety and legal clarity. Prior to his PhD, Jan gained experience through internships at law firms in Amsterdam and New York, as well as a research internship at the Division of Image Processing (Radiology) of the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). He is also a member of the editorial board of 'Idee', the journal of the Mr. Hans van Mierlo Foundation.



Loes van Renswou is a postdoc design researcher at Eindhoven University of Technology with a background in interactive technologies that promote healthy behaviour and wellbeing. Her PhD focused on persuasive, data-informed environments in urban public spaces, combining user-centered and experience design approaches. As a postdoctoral researcher, she works on projects that address responsible AI in healthcare, exploring ethics-informed design and stakeholder engagement. Next to DECIDE-VerA, Loes is involved the Caring for Caregivers project, where she investigates how a tactile self-reporting system can support the mental wellbeing of healthcare professionals by enabling burnout prevention and promoting a socially safe work culture. In addition to her research, she contributes to design education through teaching and student supervision. Her work integrates user-centered design and technology to foster wellbeing, productivity, and positive experiences.



Maaïke Harbers is a professor of Artificial Intelligence & Society at the Knowledge Centre Creating 010, part of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. With a background in artificial intelligence and philosophy, and a PhD in artificial intelligence, her expertise lies in the societal and ethical implications of AI. Maaïke explores how AI applications can be designed and implemented in a responsible way, with attention to values such as privacy, equity and autonomy. An important part of her work focuses on the question of who gets involved in decision-making around AI applications, and how organizations and designers can give a voice to underrepresented groups and perspectives in this process. She collaborates across disciplines to study the responsible design and deployment of AI technologies in their respective application contexts, especially in complex domains like healthcare and government.

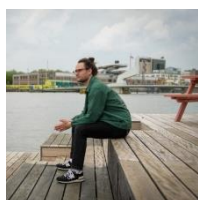


María Villalobos-Quesada is a Senior Researcher at the National eHealth Living Lab (NeLL), at the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), and a lecturer at the Bioethics and Law Observatory of the University of Barcelona. With a multidisciplinary background in bioethics, and law and biomedical science, she has pursued her academic and professional journey across Costa Rica, the Netherlands, the UK, and Spain. María's work focuses on the intersection of digital health and society, emphasising the ethical and legal dimensions of emerging technologies in healthcare. She is involved in projects related to medical AI, clinical decision support systems, and eHealth implementation, aiming to develop trustworthy and inclusive digital health solutions. Her interests include AI ethics, ethics of digital technologies, global health, responsible research and innovation, and data protection regulations like the GDPR, the EU AI Act. María is committed to aligning technological advancements with societal values.



Sara Colombo is an Assistant Professor of Designing Responsible and Empowering AI at the Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, Delft University of Technology. She co-directs the Feminist Generative AI Lab, focusing on developing fair and ethical AI systems that empower individuals and promote inclusive futures. Her research integrates data feminism and design futuring to co-create just AI applications through public engagement.

Previously, Sara held academic positions at Eindhoven University of Technology, Northeastern University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she led interdisciplinary teams in designing future digital-physical ecosystems. She earned her PhD in Design from Politecnico di Milano. Sara is committed to leveraging design to envision equitable technological advancements, ensuring that AI developments are aligned with societal values and ethical standards.



Tijs Portegies is a PhD candidate specialising in Artificial Intelligence, ethics, and lived experiences at the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences (Creating 010). He is also a PhD candidate at the Civic AI Lab, a collaboration between the University of Amsterdam and the City of Amsterdam. His research focuses on developing inclusive and ethical AI systems in healthcare, emphasising the integration of lived experiences to ensure that AI technologies are responsive to and equitable for underrepresented groups in the Netherlands. At Creating 010, Tijs contributes to the "Communication in the Networked Society" research theme, exploring topics such as the Fear of Missing Out (FoMO) and digital media usage. He holds degrees from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam. Tijs is dedicated to bridging the gap between technological innovation and societal needs, ensuring that AI developments are aligned with ethical standards and contribute positively to society.



Tycho de Graaf is Professor of Technology and Private Law at Leiden University's Institute of Private Law. His research and teaching focus on the intersection of civil law and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, blockchain, smart contracts, and digital assets. As part of the interdisciplinary SAILS programme (Society, Artificial Intelligence and Life Sciences), he explores how private law can adapt to technological advancements. Before his academic tenure, Tycho spent two decades as a practising lawyer at NautaDutilh N.V. He earned his PhD from Leiden University in 2006, focusing on liability limitations. In addition to his professorship, he serves as a deputy judge at the District Court of The Hague, an arbitrator at the Foundation for the Settlement of Automation Disputes (SGOA), and editor of the journal *Computerrecht*. Tycho is dedicated to aligning legal frameworks with technological innovation, ensuring that private law effectively addresses the challenges posed by digital transformation.