



# Certificate of Ethics Review

**Project title:** Classification of bird species from calls using deep learning methods

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You must download your referral certificate, print a copy and keep it as a record of this review.

The FEC representative(s) for the **School of Computing** is/are [Elisavet Andrikopoulou, Kirsten Smith](#)

It is your responsibility to follow the University Code of Practice on Ethical Standards and any Department/School or professional guidelines in the conduct of your study including relevant guidelines regarding health and safety of researchers including the following:

- [University Policy](#)
- [Safety on Geological Fieldwork](#)

It is also your responsibility to follow University guidance on Data Protection Policy:

- [General guidance for all data protection issues](#)
- [University Data Protection Policy](#)

Which school/department do you belong to?: **School of Computing**

What is your primary role at the University?: **Undergraduate Student**

What is the name of the member of staff who is responsible for supervising your project?: **Farzad Arabikhan**

Is the study likely to involve human subjects (observation) or participants?: No

Will financial inducements (other than reasonable expenses and compensation for time) be offered to participants?: No

Are there risks of significant damage to physical and/or ecological environmental features?: No

Are there risks of significant damage to features of historical or cultural heritage (e.g. impacts of study techniques, taking of samples?): No

Does the project involve animals in any way?: Yes

Could the research outputs potentially be harmful to third parties?: No

Could your research/artefact be adapted and be misused?: No

Will your project or project deliverables be relevant to defence, the military, police or other security organisations and/or in addition, could it be used by others to threaten UK security?: No

Please read and confirm that you agree with the following statements: I confirm that I have considered the implications for data collection and use, taking into consideration legal requirements (UK GDPR, Data Protection Act 2018 etc.), I confirm that I have considered the impact of this work and taken any reasonable action to mitigate potential misuse of the project outputs, I confirm that I will act ethically and honestly throughout this project

## Supervisor Review

As supervisor, I will ensure that this work will be conducted in an ethical manner in line with the University Ethics Policy.

Supervisor comments:

Supervisor's Digital Signature: [farzad.arabikhan@port.ac.uk](mailto:farzad.arabikhan@port.ac.uk) Date: 14/11/2025

## Faculty Ethics Committee Review

Ethics Rep comments: **Only secondary data use.**

Faculty Ethics Committee Member's Digital Signature(s): **elisavet.andrikopoulou@port.ac.uk** Date: **05/02/2026**