

# Fossil Fuel Collaboration Flowchart

**1a.** Is the envisaged collaboration in line with the values, mission and goals of Leiden University?

*Our mission and ambitions are set out in various documents. These are often explicit, but sometimes also implicit, expressions of values with which our collaborations should conform. The initiator performs a self-evaluation of this, in consultation with their manager.*

No

The collaboration is cancelled (end of process) or changed.

Yes

**1b.** Is the company part of the fossil fuel industry?

*This is defined as companies that engage in exploration, extraction and exploitation of oil, coal and gas. For this, see the list of oil and gas companies and the list of coal companies. Contact the Advice Desk for advice and support, for example if the envisaged partners are subsidiary companies, joint ventures or foundations that are affiliated with the fossil fuel industry.*

No

Collaboration is permitted.

*The regular procedures for collaboration are followed.*

Yes

**2** Is the fossil fuel company classed as Paris-aligned?

*For this, see the list of Paris-aligned companies. If the company is not on the list of assessed companies, the initiator should proceed to step 3.*

Yes

Contact the Fossil Fuel Collaboration Advice Desk for advice.

No

**3** Write a reflection report and submit it to the Advice Desk for assessment by a committee. There are four possible binding decisions:

**a.** Collaboration is permitted.

**b.** Collaboration is permitted with mitigating measures.

*The initiator can ask the committee for an additional explanation.*

**c.** Collaboration must not be started.

*If the decision is disputed, the initiator can contact the faculty board. If the faculty board does not agree with the decision, a meeting between the Dean and the chair of the committee may result in a changed decision.*

**d.** Collaboration must not be started, because it is not possible to properly assess the ethical aspects.

## Guiding principles

*Our collaboration partners are committed to achieving the Paris Agreement goals.*

*Preventing the use of our research for deception and 'greenwashing' by the collaboration partner in the fossil fuel industry.*

*Preventing the use of our research for purposes that conflict with combatting climate change and promoting the energy transition.*

