Abstract
This paper explores the basis for promoting ethics within psychology. An ethical code is one of the characteristics of mature professions and the necessity for ethical practice applies to all psychologists whether researchers or practitioners; consequently ethical codes must address the full range of practice. There is also a potential benefit in commonality across countries and cultures but this raises the question: are ethical codes generalisable? This is explored through an examination of the European Federation of Psychologists Associations' Meta-code of ethics, devised by a group of psychologists from across Europe. Based on the four ethical principles of Respect, Competence, Responsibility, and Integrity the Meta-code was originally designed to guide associations in constructing or revising their codes. However, experience has shown that individual psychologists have also found the Meta-code useful for their own practice. Finally I consider the development of ethical issues to guide practice for the future.

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