

## Script Video Six: Nora about data aggregation

The waiter brought in the desserts. They looked amazing.

Alice and Nora continued to talk about personal data. Alice was very surprised that thus far the complicated legal topic actually looked comprehensible and logical. Nora noted that in most cases the law is intended to be precisely like that - easy to understand and fully reasonable.

There was an issue that bothered Alice, though. If each of the recovered Covid-19 patients owned his data how would the management of the database be solved. It would be very impractical to constantly ask people if they consent to sharing their data with other researchers or apply new methods for analysis on it.

Nora clarified that aggregating data is somewhat different, due to the nature of information. Once a huge database is created the possibility to individualize people is lost. What is important is to anonymize individuals - should that be done the aggregated data is considered new data and is owned by the one who has gathered it.

Alice was quite surprised by the latter claim. Does this mean that Alice would own the data she has gathered for the citizen scientist project?

Nora reminded her, that she was part of a collaborative effort. As such she has agreed all the gathered data to be owned by the project, so it could be used for the common good. Alice felt a bit ashamed that she was not putting the situation in perspective.

The delicious desserts helped her to get over that feeling rather quickly. The waiter came with the bill shortly afterward. It was really interesting conversation Alice thought. And she was coming back to the restaurants - the dessert rocked.