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[Liis Leitsalu](#) is a genetic consultant at the [Estonian Genome Center](#) of the University of Tartu. Her work focuses on behavioral research in genomics and the ethical, legal and societal issues related to the use of genomic information generated by the genome center. She holds a MSc in Genetic Counseling from Sarah Lawrence College (USA) and a BSc. with Honours in Genetics from the University of Edinburgh (UK). Currently, she received her PhD in Gene Technology at the University of Tartu. She is BBMRI-ERIC Common Service ELSI representative for the Estonian national node.

Liis Letsalu has advanced her proficiency through the following:

Research experience:

2010

- Estonian Genome Center of the University of Tartu (EGCUT), Tartu, Estonia

2006, 2007

- Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia
Summer internships at the Department of Gene Technology, Professor Tõnis Timmusk's Laboratory

Clinical experience:

2016

- Tartu University Hospital, Tallinn clinic, Estonia
Genetic counseling intern at the genetics department

2008–2010

- Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY
Maimonides Clinical Center, Brooklyn, NY
Genetic counseling in pediatrics and prenatal setting.
- Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY
Genetic counseling in cancer setting.
- St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, New York, NY
Genetic counseling in pediatric and prenatal setting.
- Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, Bronx, NY
Genetic counseling in prenatal setting.

Other experience:

2016

- University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia
- Member of the Research Ethics Committee

2015

- BBMRI-ERIC, Common Service ELSI
- National representative for the Ethical, legal and societal issues working group.

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