Obtaining informed consent for research from the research subjects is a key ethical principle that ensures informed and voluntary participation in research. Several consent forms can be needed, for example, for the research subject, guardian, immediate family or close relative. The consent form should be drafted separately for each group of research subjects in lay language that can be easily understood, and modified as appropriate for children so that their development stage is taken into consideration. The consent form must be written in lay language that is easily understood by the subjects.

Responding to a survey can also be considered as giving consent. If responding to a survey is considered as giving consent, it is recommended to attach the consent form to the survey and mention that responding to the survey corresponds to a signature. The documentation and proving of oral consent subsequently is difficult.

The researcher has the duty to store the original consent forms. The researchers can give the research subject a copy of their signed consent form upon request.

Before finalising your form, delete the instructions highlighted in yellow as well as the sections that do not apply to your research.

Consent for participation in scientific research

**Research project title**

**Place of research and person(s) or group responsible for the research**

I have been invited to participate in the above-mentioned research.

I have read and understood the participant information sheet *[delete if personal data is not processed in the research]* and the privacy policy. I understand that participating in the research is voluntary and that I can at any point withdraw from participating in the research without giving any reason or cancel my consent without any negative consequences. The information collected of me until the withdrawal and cancellation of consent can be used/cannot be used as part of the research data[*Note that when the research subject cancels their consent for participating in the research, you can continue to process their personal data only if the* *basis for processing personal data is scientific research conducted in the public interest as stated in the privacy policy*].

I have received sufficient information about the research and how my personal data is processed. I have had the opportunity to ask questions from the researchers. With my signature, I give consent for participating in the research.

**If necessary**, specify in more detail the other matters that require consent, such as:

[*If necessary/delete*] I consent that [select] my interview can be recorded / my photograph can be taken / a video can be recorded for research purposes, [select] but it has to be modified in the research results and publications so that I cannot be recognised from it / it is not used in the research results or publications.

Yes ☐ No ☐

[*If necessary/delete*] I consent that [select:] my name / photograph / video can be published in the publications and research data (**NOTE:** Only when there is a scientific basis for presenting the research data with identifying information; for example, when an artist is interviewed about their work, studying a public figure etc.).

Yes  No

[*If necessary/delete*] I consent that the data collected in this research can be connected to the register data retrieved from [name of the register].

Yes  No

[*If necessary: add items necessary for your research design / delete]*

I consent that [*add the object of consent]*.

Yes  No

[*If necessary/delete*] I consent that the anonymised research data can be archived and opened to the use of other researchers.

Yes  No

**Verification**

*[Select suitable option*]:

The research subject’s signature, clarification of signature, and date OR

Box in an electronic survey: by ticking the box, I consent to participating in the research OR

I have given oral consent and the researcher has documented it in a reliable way.

**Contact information**

[The name and contact information of the researcher or contact person]