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## INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

**1. Invitation to participate in research**

We invite you to participate in **METEOR (Methodologies for Teamworking in Eco-Outwards Research) Research: Evaluation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Academy**. The purpose of this study is to investigate participants' experiences of the METEOR 1<sup>st</sup> Academy to assess the quality, relevance, and effectiveness of its activities. The findings will be used to improve future METEOR Academies and to support the ongoing development of the METEOR programme.

This information sheet describes the study and what participation in it means for you. The Privacy Notice provides information on the processing of your personal data.

To participate in the study, you are a PhD or Post-doctoral researcher who have been participated in the METEOR 1<sup>st</sup> Academy.

The study will involve 300 participants

This is a single study, and you will not be contacted again later in relation to this study.

**2. Voluntary participation**

Participation in this study is voluntary. You can refuse to participate in the study, withdraw from the study or your consent at any time, without stating a reason. This will have no negative consequences for you.

If you decide to stop participating in the study or withdraw your consent, any personal data or other information collected to that point may still be used in the research if needed to ensure reliable results.

**3. Progress of the study**

On the last day of the Academy, you are invited to fill in the questionnaire that collect participants' views and feedback on the experiences of the 1<sup>st</sup> METEOR Academy. The questionnaire will take approximately 10–15 minutes. The survey is administered online.

Then, you are invited to the open reflection plenary session and discuss the related themes to evaluate the METEOR programme. The discussion is administered on-site.

**4. Possible benefits from the study**

The findings will be used to support the ongoing development of the METEOR programme and also doctoral training programme in Europe and beyond.

**5. Possible risks, harm, and inconvenience caused by the study as well as preparing for these**

No risks, harms or inconveniences can reasonably be expected from participating in the study.

**6. Insurance coverage for research participants**

Participants are not insured by the University of Jyväskylä.

**7. Compensation for participation and reimbursement of study-related costs**

Participants receive no payment or compensation for possible travel costs for this study.

**8. Funding of the study**

The research is funded by academic research funding from the European Union.

The funders have not been involved in the design of the study, nor do they have any influence over data collection and analysis, publication decisions, or manuscript preparation.

**9. Conflicts of Interests**

The study and the researchers have no conflicts of interest that could affect the study's independence.

**10. Informing about research results and research outcomes**

The study will yield scientific publications, conference and seminar presentations, and published research data.

Research participants cannot be identified from publications or published results.

**11. The use of research data after the study is finished**

The estimated time by which the research data will be pseudonymized is June 2026. The end date of data processing will be no later than January 2031.

After the study is finished, the research data will be anonymised, which means that any information enabling personal identification is deleted no later than January 2031.

The anonymised research data will remain in the researcher's /research team's possession and can be used for other scientific purposes.

**12. Contact person for further information**

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