

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

### 1. Invitation to participate in research

We invite you to participate in the **METEOR (Methodologies for Teamworking in Eco-Outwards Research) study: Insights from Peer Mentoring Groups (PMGs)**. The purpose of this study is to explore participants' experiences of the METEOR programme, and the relevance of these experiences for their academic and professional practice. The findings will be used to inform the ongoing development of the METEOR programme and contribute to the improvement of doctoral education.

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 is a full participant in the METEOR programme. You participate in the METEOR 1<sup>st</sup> Academy, and will engage in the PMGs work and attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> METEOR Academy.

The study will involve 60 participants

This is a longitudinal study, and you will be contacted again in the beginning of fall semester 2026-2027, and after the 2<sup>nd</sup> METEOR Academy.

### 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

You are invited to participate in the focus group interviews about your METEOR experience with the other participants in your PMG. Each focus group involved approximately 3–6 participants and lasted around 45 minutes. The discussions would explore your experiences with the METEOR method in greater depth and collect your feedback about the METEOR programme.

### 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 March 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.

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