

# Research Participation Informed Consent

## 1. General information

Before deciding to participate, please read this document carefully. To ensure that studies are conducted within the appropriate legal framework and respect ethical standards, we require participants to give informed consent, as outlined in [section 4](#). By proceeding with the survey, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this information and agree to participate in the study under the conditions described herein.

## 2. Survey description

This research study is part of a master's dissertation by Maria Inês Lopes and the Streets4All project (PTDC/ECI-TRA/3120/2021, funded by Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia FCT/MCTES, PIDDAC), developed at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), University of Lisbon. The primary objective is to identify preferences for different types of urban interventions among diverse population groups, focusing on interventions oriented towards private vehicles, public transport, and active modes of transportation. The researchers responsible for this survey are Maria Inês Lopes (IST), Gabriel Valença (IST), and Professor Filipe Moura (IST), who are responsible for conducting the survey, data storage, and processing.

## 3. About your participation

As a participant, you will answer questions about your preferences regarding urban interventions, your sociodemographic profile, and travel behavior. Your participation is voluntary and free. You may withdraw at any time without justification. If you feel uncomfortable or at risk, you are free to discontinue. Information will only be recorded after your approval at the end of the questionnaire. However, it is important to inform you beforehand that, to better understand your preferences, you will be asked about:

- Recognition of locations presented in images;
- Age, gender identity, place of residence (city/town/village and country);
- Country of origin;
- Children (with optional age range specification);
- Pets;
- Disabilities;
- Current occupation;
- Experience in mobility;
- Daily commute patterns (transport used and duration).

The probability of the participant's identification is highly unlikely as this information does not unambiguously identify a specific location or person.

This study was reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee of Instituto Superior Técnico (IST). The process will be overseen by the IST Data Protection Officer, prof. Carlos Ribeiro ([dpo@ist-id.pt](mailto:dpo@ist-id.pt)). The collected data will be used for statistical purposes only, not communicated to entities outside this study, and no response will be analyzed or presented individually. After submitting your answers, you have the right to request access, rectification, erasure, limitation, and opposition to the processing of your data, including the right to withdraw consent at any time. To do so, keep the code given at the end of the survey and email the project researchers. You also have the right to file a complaint with the Portuguese National Data Protection Commission (CNPD).

If you have any questions regarding the survey, you can contact one of the following researchers: Maria Inês Lopes ([maria.ines.duarte.lopes@tecnico.ulisboa.pt](mailto:maria.ines.duarte.lopes@tecnico.ulisboa.pt)) or Filipe Moura ([fmoura@tecnico.ulisboa.pt](mailto:fmoura@tecnico.ulisboa.pt)).

#### **4. Terms of consent**

I declare that I am aware of the purpose of this research and the conditions of my participation in it, as detailed below:

1. I understand that my participation in this research consists of answering questions in a questionnaire freely and voluntarily;
2. I understand that the sociodemographic information that I disclose to the researchers will not be used in any way for my subsequent identification;
3. I have been informed that my data will never be disclosed;
4. I authorize the scientific publication of the results obtained in this investigation, provided that the information is treated in such a way that my identification cannot be carried out;
5. I have been informed that my participation in the study is voluntary, involves no risk and I will not receive any financial compensation for my participation in the study;
6. I understand that, if interested, I can access the study results once published in any scientific channel;
7. I have been informed that I can withdraw my consent and/or refrain from participating in the study without any problem;
8. I was informed that I can contact the researchers involved for clarification on any aspect related to this study through the provided emails.

By answering the survey, I declare having been informed of the objectives and usefulness of the study. I may ask questions to clarify my doubts. I freely agreed to participate in the study.

**NOTE:** Your responses will remain anonymous throughout the entire process and will be stored and encrypted in accordance with the European Parliament's EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.