



EUROCITIES – COLOGNE 28th -30th October 2019

Consent for Participation

in the research interview conducted by Aline Franzke, supported by the Digital Society research program funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

1. The aim of the research - namely, developing paradigmatic case studies for use in my PhD – is clear to me, and I agree that my questionnaire will be used exclusively to that purpose.
2. I agree that my participation is completely voluntary.
3. Participating will take about 20 minutes.
4. I agree that some findings will be published in academic journals.
5. I was explicitly informed that if I so wish, no details of the project(s) discussed will be published, nor personal information, such as name, function or involved institutions of the interviewed researcher(s), will be mentioned. I have the right to stay anonymous.
6. All the findings will be used for academic purpose only.
7. I have understood all those points and carefully read them.
8. I have all the points answered to my personal satisfaction.
9. I have received a copy of this consent sheet by my interviewer.

Signature of the Participant

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Signature of the Interviewer

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Place and Date

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Qualitative QUESTIONNAIRE

DATAPRACTICES AND ETHICS IN EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES

This Questionnaire has 12 open questions focusing on Data and Ethics in Municipalities, that can be answered freely. Not all questions need to be answered. This research will be used for my PhD project, that is looking into the ethical aspects of the digital transformation within cities. Find attached an informed consent sheet, that states that all findings will only be used for academic purposes and will be fully anonymized.

- 1) How would you characterize the current state of (debate /political debate in) digitalization and datafication?

- 2) Which city are you coming from? (optional)

- 3) In your everyday work, what do you find most difficult regarding modernization and digitalization?

- 4) To what extend to you think that technology is politically relevant?

- 5) Can you name one example of a project related to digitalization in the place you work?

- 6) Where do you see biggest potentials of current digital projects in your work field?



7) Where do you see biggest threats?

8) What do you think are the biggest struggles you and your team face?

9) Are there any ethics guidelines you and your team are using? If yes, please specify

If no, would you find it useful? Please specify



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- 10) Which ethics topics find you most important in your everyday practice? (Please rank the items according to the relevance for you. Give the number 1 for the most relevant and number 13 for the one with the lowest relevance to you)

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| How to get in contact with citizens | |
| Participation of citizens | |
| Participation of coworkers | |
| Open Data | |
| Informed consent | |
| Citizens rights | |
| Privacy | |
| Autonomy | |
| Anonymization | |
| Transparency | |
| Interests of third parties | |
| Institutional dynamics | |
| Other (name if you want to) | |

Optional: Please elaborate on your [thoughts behind your] ranking?

- 11) Regarding ethics, what kind of recommendation would you give someone, that could decide what to do next?



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12) Open section: Are there any more subjects that are important to the topic that have not been addressed in this questionnaire?

Which city are you coming from? (optional)

Your name (Optional)

Would you be interested in elaborating your answers in an expert interview? If yes, I am happy to contact you via mail.

Thank you very much for your time and participation!

Are you interested in findings or do you want to stay in touch? Feel free to leave me your email address

Or contact me via

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