

INFORMED CONSENT

The present study arises in the context of a [research project/master's dissertation/doctoral thesis] underway at **ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa**, funded by [if applicable, indicate the funding agency and respective reference]. This study concerns [indicate the topic in general terms] and aims to [indicate general objective(s)].

The study is carried out [or coordinated] by [indicate name and e-mail of member(s) of the team or coordination], who can be contacted in case of any questions or should you wish to share comments.

Your participation, which is highly valued, consists of [indicate task(s)] and could take around [indicate estimated time]. There are no expected significant risks associated to participation in the study [or, if they do exist, inform the participants about the risks]. Although you may not benefit directly from your participation in the study [or, if there are benefits or incentives for participation, indicate what they are], your answers will contribute to [articulate with the purpose/ benefits/ original contribution of the study].

Participation in this study is strictly **voluntary**: you can choose to participate or not to participate. If you choose to participate, you can stop your participation at any time without having to provide any justification. In addition to being voluntary, your participation is also **anonymous** and **confidential** [or indicate any limits to confidentiality or anonymity, if existent]. The data are intended merely for statistical processing and no answer will be analysed or reported individually [or indicate another type of processing/disclosure of data, if existent, and the procedures to assure anonymity]. You will never be asked to identify yourself at any time during the study.

In view of this information, please indicate if you accept participating in the study:

I ACCEPT I DO NOT ACCEPT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

[or, if the participation is online, instead of the fields “Name/Date/Signature” include an indication along the lines of: If you accept participating, please click on the button in the lower right corner of the page, and move to the next page. Completion of the questionnaire presumes that you have understood and accept the conditions of the present study, by consenting to participate.]