

Consent to participate in the project "A time-use observatory on young couples"

1. Title, Project manager

Dear Madam/Sir,

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted as part of the project "A time-use observatory on young couples," led by the Department of Economic Sciences at the University of Bologna. This project is funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan Mission 4, "Education and Research"; Component 2, "From Research to Enterprise"; Investment Line 3.1; Reference Action 3.1.1 "PE09 GRINS," coordinated by Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna.

The GRINS Project aims to develop an online data platform called AMELIA ("dAta platforM for the transfEr of knowLedge and statistlcal Analysis"). This platform will provide access to high-quality data and data analysis tools for a wide range of purposes, including use by public administrations, businesses, and families. This initiative aligns with the goals of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan to promote resilient, inclusive, and sustainable growth.

Before deciding to participate, it is important that you have all the necessary information to join the study knowingly and responsibly. We ask you to read this document carefully and to address any questions you may have to the person who proposed this study to you.

2. Short description and objectives

The research project "A time-use observatory on young couples" aims to monitor the evolution of individuals' time use within families with children aged 11 and older, any gender differences in time use and its determinants, the prevalence of multitasking, and the relationship with the mental load managed by individual adults within the family. To achieve this goal, the researchers involved in the project intend to collect and analyze the list of activities carried out during two days and some information regarding the individual's characteristics and attitudes and opinions. A very limited set of responses (fiscal code, municipality, and province of residence) may, with your consent, be correlated with third-party data. In particular, the data may be shared with IPSOS S.R.L., which will be responsible for collecting the data and is appointed as the data processing controller, and also with any additional third parties that will assist the owner in anonymizing and integrating the database, aimed at building a research platform in accordance with the principles of open data established in the EU Directive 2019/1024 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 20, 2019 (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/1024/oj>) and in compliance with legislation related to the protection of personal data. The data may also be shared with INPS to correlate them for research purposes with administrative data related to the labor market for the purposes of the study.

3. What does participation to the study entail?

Participation in the research project "A time-use observatory on young couples" involves filling out two diaries listing the activities carried out during two days (one weekday and one weekend day) and completing a socio-economic questionnaire. The overall expected duration for completing each questionnaire ranges between 15 and 20 minutes.

4. Benefits, disadvantages and/or potential risks of participation

Participation in the study is voluntary and free, meaning there are no monetary obligations for the participant. At the same time, to express gratitude for the time dedicated to the research by each participant who completes all the questionnaires, the research group will provide vouchers (gasoline vouchers, meal vouchers, gift cards) or, alternatively, the option to make donations to a chosen charity from a predefined list, with an economic value of 20 euros. In the case of both partners in a couple participating, the individual voucher value upon completion of all questionnaires will be 25 euros. For participants, collaboration does not entail any type of risk or discomfort. Researchers expect information about the activities undertaken, individual characteristics, and attitudes and opinions.

5. Withdrawal from the study

You have the right to withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time, even without prior notice or specific justification.

6. Return

You have the right to request information about the results and outcomes of the research. The research results will be disseminated in the form of articles for specialized scientific journals and reports for informative purposes. Some aggregated and anonymized indicators, consistent with the study's objectives, will be made public—non-attributable to individual study participants—through the AMELIA platform within the PE9-GRINS project, funded by PNRR.

7. Measures planned to protect anonymity

Upon achieving the research objectives, the processing of collected data will be conducted in a manner that eliminates any reference that could allow linking individual statements to a specific person. The research results will be published in summary form, and under no circumstances will any brief quotations be attributable to individual persons.

8. Contacts

For any information and clarification regarding this study or for any needs, you can contact the researchers Margherita Fort, Chiara Monfardini, Elena Pisanelli, Pietro Biroli, Natalia Montinari, Francesca Barigozzi (dse.osservatoriofamiglie@unibo.it), who are at your disposal for further information or clarification.