

Consent to Participate in the Project "Observatory on the Time Use of Young Families"

1. Title, Project Manager

Dear Madam/Sir,

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted as part of the project "Observatory on the Time Use of Young Families," led by the Department of Economic Sciences at Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, in collaboration with the University of Naples Federico II and the GRINS Foundation. This initiative is part of the "GRINS – Growing Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable" project, implemented by the GRINS Foundation and funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) within the scope of economic, political, social, and data sciences. The aim is to provide evidence that can guide public policies as well as decisions made by citizens and companies in complex decision-making contexts, contributing to a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable growth for the country.

The GRINS Project aims to develop an online data platform called AMELIA ("dAta platforM for the transfEr of knowLedge and statistlcal Analysis"), which will provide access to high-quality data and analytical tools for a wide range of applications. These include use by public administrations, companies, and families, in alignment with the NRRP's objectives of promoting resilient, inclusive, and sustainable growth.

Before deciding whether to participate, it is important that you have all the information necessary to make an informed and responsible choice. We kindly ask you to read this document and direct any questions you may have about the study to the person who proposed it to you.

2. Brief Description and Objectives

The research project "Observatory on the Time Use of Young Families" aims to monitor the evolution of time use by individuals within families with children up to 11 years old, potential 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 objective, the researchers involved in the project intend to collect and analyze the list of activities you carried out over two days and some information regarding your individual characteristics, attitudes, and opinions. A very limited set of the responses provided (tax code; municipality and province of residence) may, with your consent, be linked with third-party data.

In particular, the data may be shared with IPSOS S.R.L., which will handle the data collection and is appointed as the data processor, as well as with any additional third parties assisting the data controller in the operations of anonymization and integration of the database, aimed at the construction of a research platform in compliance with the open data principles established by 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>])(<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/1024/oj>)) and in compliance with personal data protection regulations.

The data may also be shared with INPS to correlate them, for research purposes, with administrative labor market data for the purposes of the study.

3. What does participation in the study involve?

Participation in the research project "Observatory on the Time Use of Young Families" involves completing two diaries listing the activities you performed over two days (one weekday and one weekend day) and a socio-economic questionnaire. The total estimated time to complete each questionnaire ranges between 15 and 20 minutes.

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

Participation in the study is voluntary and free, meaning there are no monetary costs for the participant. At the same time, to thank participants for their time dedicated to the research, the research team will provide vouchers (fuel vouchers, meal vouchers, gift cards) or, alternatively, the option to make donations to a charitable organization chosen from a predefined list, with a monetary value of €25, in the case of participation by both partners in a couple and upon completion of all questionnaires.

Participation does not involve any risks or inconveniences for the participants. Researchers expect to gather information about the activities you performed, your individual characteristics, 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 a specific reason.

6. Feedback/Return of Results

You have the right to request information about the results and outcomes of the research. The research findings will be disseminated in the form of articles for specialized scientific journals and reports for public dissemination. Certain aggregated and anonymized indicators aligned with the study's objectives will be made publicly available—without being traceable to individual participants—through the AMELIA platform within the PE9-GRINS project, funded by the NRRP.

7. Measures in Place to Protect Anonymity

Upon achieving the research objectives, the processing of the collected data will be carried out in such a way as to remove any references that could link individual statements to a specific person. The research results will be published in summary form, and under no circumstances will any brief citations be traceable to individual participants.

8. Contacts

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

Informed Consent to Participate in the Study

The undersigned _____ residing in _____, at _____ Street,
DECLARES

☐ to have read the aforementioned information sheet received, to have understood both the information contained therein and the information provided orally by the research project staff, and to have had ample time and opportunity to ask questions and receive satisfactory answers from the staff;

☐ to have understood that participation in the study is entirely voluntary and free, that it is possible to withdraw from the study at any time without providing explanations and without any disadvantage or prejudice resulting from such withdrawal;

☐ to have understood that participation in the study may entitle them to receive a voucher worth €25, depending on the number of questionnaires completed and the participation of the cohabiting partner;

☐ to have understood the nature and activities involved in participating in the study and the associated risks;

☐ to have understood that participation in this study will not result in any direct or indirect economic benefits.

Consequently, the undersigned

I CONSENTS I DOES NOT CONSENT

to participate in the study, with the understanding that such consent is given freely and may be withdrawn at any time without any disadvantage or prejudice.

_____, _____
(place and date)

(signature)

(signature of the person collecting the consent)