



ERC-Consolidator Grant:

**Visual Trust. Reliability, accountability and forgery in  
scientific, religious and social images**

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**ANNEX 1**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

**Study Title:** VISUAL TRUST

**Introduction**

This form gives you information to help you decide if you want to participate in a research study on VISUAL TRUST. This study, funded by the European Research Council, is being conducted by researchers from the University of Barcelona (UB). This study has been approved by the UB ethics committees. Please read the information below and ask any questions you may have. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to indicate your consent below.

**Study Purpose**

Visual Trust is a project that seeks to understand how people from different countries interact with images in terms of trust. It aims at evaluating how trust in images is crafted, distributed and assessed. It will draw a comparison between religious images, social images and scientific images.

**What will happen if I take part in this research study?**

If you agree to be interviewed:

- You will coordinate with the researcher either in person, over the phone or over Internet to find the best time to be interviewed.
- You may be interviewed in the location that is convenient for you and the researcher, and offers sufficient privacy to conduct an interview.
- You may be interviewed on a later day over phone or online if there is no time or space, or if you cannot or do not want to be interviewed today. In this case, the researcher will ask you (in person or via phone) to provide her with your contact information so we may reach you later.
- You will have a chance to ask any questions you may have during the interview and you will be able to call with questions at a later time.
- If you agree to be interviewed, the researcher will ask you if you agree to be audio-recorded and take your consent.
- If you wish so, your responses will be confidential. The interview will **not** include questions that directly identify you, such as your address. Researchers will delete any information that may directly or indirectly identify you in the interview transcripts.
- If you prefer to be identified with personal details, please let the researcher know exactly how.
- You can take as long as you need to decide whether to be interviewed, photographed or filmed.

### **What are the possible discomforts and risks?**

The risk of discomfort is minimal, however if any of the interview or footage questions make you feel uncomfortable, you are free to skip any question, and you can stop the interview or the recording at any time.

### **What are the possible benefits of participating in this study?**

There are no direct benefits from participating in this study. However, people from all over the world may benefit in the future from what we learn about your perspectives and experiences as an expert in this field.

### **Do I have to participate?**

Your participation is completely voluntary.

You can choose to withdraw from this study up to six months after you have completed this interview or recording. If you decide to withdraw from the study today, please tell the researcher in charge of data collection at this facility. If you decide to withdraw from the study, later contact the study principal investigator, Dr. Roger Canals, and provide him/her with your study ID number, which can be found at the bottom of this form.

### **What is the confidentiality or privacy protections when participating in this research study?**

Everything that you share with us via the interview will be completely confidential. We will do our best to protect the information that we collect from you. The interview will not include any details that directly identify you, such as your name or phone number unless you wish so.

Before you start the interview, the researcher will assign you a study ID number for keeping safely your data in the project records. This number is the only way to access your specific responses in the event that you wish to withdraw from the study. They will also ask you whether you want to use a pseudonym (a fake name) or your real first name during the interview.

In some cases, public experts might request to have their real name used. In these cases, we will make an exception to the above confidentiality procedures.

All data will be encrypted and stored on password protected computers and can only be accessed under the strict supervision of the study principal investigator. We will destroy consent forms and interview responses five years after the completion of the project.

### **How my personal data will be processed?**

According to the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union, we give you the following information about the processing of your personal data:

- Data Controller: General Secretary of the University of Barcelona (C/ Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona, [secretaria.general@ub.edu](mailto:secretaria.general@ub.edu))
- Purposes: Manage and execute the European research project "VISUALTRUST"
- Lawful basis: consent of the data subject.

- Data storage period: The data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose for which were collected and to determine the possible responsibilities that could be derived. In this sense, personal data will be kept until five years after the end of the research project.
- Recipients: The recipient of your personal data is the University itself and those in charge of processing your data on behalf of the University, if applicable. No transfer of data to third parties is envisaged, unless there is a legal obligation to do so. If you are from a non-EU Member State, your personal data will be transferred to the EU under your consent.
- Rights: You can access to the personal data, request data rectification, data erasure and data portability, and request objection or restriction of processing. You can write to the General Secretary at the postal address Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona, or at the email address [secretaria.general@ub.edu](mailto:secretaria.general@ub.edu), attaching a copy of your DNI or any other appropriate identity document.
- Data protection officer: If you consider that your rights were not attended well enough, you can contact with UB's Data Protection Officer ([protecciodedades@ub.edu](mailto:protecciodedades@ub.edu), Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona)
- Authority of control: In case you would like to complain, you can lodge a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.

### **How will the images taken during the interview be used?**

The images taken during the interview will be incorporated in an audiovisual support that will be part of the study and will be disclosed exclusively for teaching, research and analysis purposes related to the project, excluding commercial and lucrative uses.

### **Will I be informed about the study's findings?**

Once the study is complete, findings will be posted on the website of the project. [www.visualtrust.ub.edu](http://www.visualtrust.ub.edu)

**Who should I contact if I have questions about the study?**

You can talk with the study researcher, Dr. PI, about any questions, concerns, or complaints you have about this study. Dr. PI speaks English, French, Spanish and Catalan, and can connect you with a Native speaker if needed. He can be reached by email [rocanals@ub.edu](mailto:rocanals@ub.edu) or by phone 0034934037751.

**Data Protection Office (DPO):** [protecciodedades@ub.edu](mailto:protecciodedades@ub.edu)

If you wish to ask questions about the study or your rights as a research participant, or if you wish to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study, please call the UB's Ethics Committee at: 34-934035398

**This information sheet is yours to keep. Please make a note of your Participant ID in case you later wish to withdraw from the study.**

**PARTICIPANT'S PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:****SIGNATURE:****DATE:**

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