This folder contains important information if you consider participating in one of the studies at the Donders Centre for Cognition of the Donders Institute. Please read the following information carefully.

The Donders Institute is a university research centre investigating the brain, cognition and behaviour. The Donders Centre for Cognition (DCC) is part of the Donders Institute and has at its disposal various techniques in order to measure behaviour and brain activity. For our research we need volunteers to participate in various experiments, e.g. language, perception, action or memory tasks. All our research and research methods have negligible to minimal risks.

**Ethics check**
Each study you may participate in has been reviewed and approved by an independent ethics committee (the ‘Ethics Committee of Faculty of Social Sciences, Radboud University Nijmegen’, [https://www.radboud.net.nl/socialsciences/research/ethics-committee-social-science/](https://www.radboud.net.nl/socialsciences/research/ethics-committee-social-science/) or the medical ethics committee, [www.cmoregio-a-n.nl](http://www.cmoregio-a-n.nl)).

**Clinical data**
Researchers at the DCC do not examine the data from a clinical perspective. Participation in any of the experiments can therefore not be considered as a clinical or screening test. In exceptional circumstances the data collected may give indications concerning your health conditions. Prior to participation in these kinds of experiments you are required to provide name and address of your general practitioner. Additionally, in these types of experiments, we will archive your name, your personal identification number (of our subject database), and/or your (email) address. In case of a possible finding which is of clinical relevance you will be informed by a designated specialist of the DCC, or your general practitioner. In case you do not have a general practitioner (in the Netherlands), you will be informed by the Academic General Practitioner Center Heyendaal, for which you will then have to register as a patient once. Your insurance policy will cover these costs; In case you are uninsured the Academic GP Center is required to charge you a minimal amount for consultation. If you do not wish to be informed about findings concerning your health, you cannot participate in experiments at the DCC.

**Information about the experiment and giving consent**
You will receive a study specific information brochure from the researcher sufficiently in advance (this means minimally 24 hours in advance) of participation in the experiment. This will allow you time to reflect on your participation. Prior to participation, you are asked to sign a study specific informed consent form in which you confirm that you have been informed satisfactorily and are willing and able to participate voluntarily. The researcher will also sign the form, confirming that you have been informed about the experiment satisfactorily. The researcher will also ensure your privacy and that the necessary privacy conditions will be met. You have the right to withdraw from the experiment at any time without giving a reason. You can request disposal of your experimental data up to 1 month after participation in the study. After that your data will be pseudonymized, this means not
directly identifiable, and stored in a repository. An example of the study specific “informed consent” is attached to the applicable study specific information brochure.

**Insurance**

On legal grounds a liability insurance and in some cases an additional subject insurance has been concluded for subjects participating in studies at the DCC as part of the Donders Institute. The subject insurance covers damage due to participation in the study, becoming apparent during participation in the study or within four years after termination of participation in the study.

**Use and preservation of your data**

For our research it is necessary to collect, use and preserve personal information. This concerns personal data like name, address, date of birth, email address or personal identification number of the participant database. Use and preservation of your personal data is necessary for administrative and scientific goals. These goals are: the documentation of consent for participation in research, payment for participation, granting request to destroy data, to approach in the case of incidental findings, and to approach for future research (in case consent has been given for this). In some cases it is necessary to collect demographical data or data concerning your health, background, or preferences for scientific purposes. If you do not agree with this, you cannot participate in this research.

**Confidentiality of your data**

The information you provide for the purpose of the study will be handled carefully and will only be accessible to employees who are authorized to do so. Your data will be treated confidentially. All your research data will be coded in order to protect your privacy. Your name and other information, which might lead to your identity, will be kept separate from the experimental data. Only with a so called key file your experimental data can be linked to your identity. To protect your privacy this key file will also be stored apart from the research data. Only members of the research team who are directly involved and for whom it is necessary can access your personal data and the key file. Other parties involved in the research receive only access to the coded research data and won't be able to identify you directly on the basis of this data. Reports or publications on the study will also only report your coded not directly identifiable research data.

In some studies additional audio, photo and/or video recordings will be obtained during the experiment. These are solely collected for scientific purposes. The experimenter will always inform you about this prior to participation, additionally asking for your approval. In all cases your privacy will be protected according to European law (European General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR)

**Preservation time**

Your data will be archived during for an established period of time, which is until 10 years after the research has been finalized. The connection between your personal data and your research data will be stored until maximally one month after finalization of the research.

**Sharing your experimental data**

Given the importance of verification, re-use and/or replication of research results, experimental data are shared or made public more often. Prior to this sharing the data will completely be pseudonymized (this means not traceable to your identity). In case of concerns regarding sharing your experimental data, you have the right to request disposal of your experimental data up to 1 month after participation. Some experimental data cannot be pseudonymized completely due to its nature, e.g. video-, photo or audio recordings. You have the right to disapprove sharing these data
with other researchers beyond the scope of the study. This can be done via the study specific consent form.

**Right to inspection**
Few other people or agencies have the right to inspect your data, both personal and research data. This is necessary in order to check if the research was properly and reliably conducted. The persons or agencies who can obtain access to your data for the purpose of verification are: a controller who works for the responsible institute, and national or international regulatory bodies such as the Ministry of Health. They will protect and keep your personal information secret. You are requested to approve this right to inspection. In case you do not agree, you cannot participate in the study.

**Future studies**
After participation in an experiment at the DCC, it may be the case that we would like to approach you again for a future study. You can indicate on the consent form whether you agree with this. In case you consent to be approached we will store name, address, email address and your identification number from the participant database, if applicable. Also in these future experiments, participation is always voluntary and consent will be sought every time you participate in a new experiment.

**Preparation of the experiment**
Generally, no extra preparation is required before participation. It is important that you are fit, alert and that you did not drink alcohol or used drugs the night before. Before the start of the actual experiment the researcher will explain the aims of the research and the applied measurement techniques to you. You will receive instructions about what you are asked to do during the experiment, such as watching a monitor, listen to sounds (possibly over a headset), perform a reaction task, make different movements or just lie still and relax. After everything has been fully explained, you will be asked to sign the consent form. Subsequent procedures depend on the research method that is being used. You can read more about this in the information brochures on EEG, moving chair, robot or EEG-FES.

**Payment**
Participation in experiments is reimbursed. The DCC gives this reimbursement by means of participant hours or ‘VVV giftcards (https://www.vvvcadeaubonnen.nl/). In this latter case we need your name and address for administrative reasons.

**Additional information, independent contact person and contact**
If you are unable to make it to the appointment (on time), please inform the responsible researcher as soon as possible. You may also contact this researcher for additional information or if you would like to withdraw from participating.

**After participation**
We appreciate hearing about your experiences as a participant. You can give your feedback – with or without personal information - via this webform. In case of questions or complaints about an experiment, contact the responsible experimenter first. You can also contact an independent contact person who is not involved in the study (independent contact person: Miriam Kos, of the Donders Centre for Cognition (dclabcoordinator@socsci.ru.nl; tel 0243612650)) or fill out our webform. If applicable the independent contact person will contact you by phone.

**More information concerning your rights for processing data**
For more information with respect to compliance with your rights regarding the processing your personal data, you may contact the responsible entity for processing your data. The
Radboud University is responsible for compliance with the rights of processing personal data for this research. You may contact the office of the data Protection Officer of the Radboud University via privacy@ru.nl. More information about your rights regarding processing of personal data can be found at https://www.ru.nl/privacy/english/ and on the website of the Dutch Data Protection Authority: https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/en.