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**7. Name and nature of the research data file, duration of the study**

Name of the study: "Being(s) There(s)": Geographies of Knowledge Creation Processes in Extended Spaces and Times (BETH)

One-time research

Monitoring study/longitudinal study



Duration of the study (duration of the processing of personal data): Research Project 2022-2026.

## 8. Purpose of the processing of personal data

The purpose of processing of personal data is to conduct academic research in the project BETH that is funded by the Academy of Finland 2022–2026 (project number 348137).

We collect empirical materials for research that aims to understand, how knowledge is created, shared, and mobilized through new technologies like telepresence robots, holograms, and virtual realities. BETH includes three work packages (WP), and in each WP we collect different empirical materials. When this document is given to an informant participating the BETH study, the “x” indicates the WP the informant is participating.

WP1 includes interviews. The names of individuals or organizations will not be revealed.

WP2 includes interviews; notes from observed situations (video when agreed); written descriptions of usage of technology and knowledge creation, sharing and mobilizing; and mobility mapping of the informants. The names of individuals or organizations will not be revealed.

WP3 includes surveys; notes from observed situations; written descriptions of usage of technology and knowledge creation, sharing and mobilizing. The names of individuals will not be revealed.

During the project, we may familiarize ourselves with the organizations that produce and use these technologies by visiting their websites and collecting data that is available in the organizations’ websites, such as videos or texts where the technology is presented. This data may be used in analysis and reporting of the results, and is handled in a way that individuals or organizations are not recognized. During the project, we may collect or make notes that include personal data like age, gender and email. Personal data is collected from informants who participate the study or are present in observed situations. Collected data varies between surveys and observed situations. Data is used in analysis and reporting of the results, and is handled in a way that individuals are not recognized.

## 9. Lawful basis of processing

The processing of personal data is based on Article 6 or Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6(1) (choose one basis for each purpose of processing): Scientific or historical research or statistics

## 10. Personal data included in the research data



The data we collect varies between WP1, WP2, and WP3. We use collected data in the analysis and reporting of the results of the research. Data may include, for example, age and gender or other background information that is relevant for the research and data analysis.

Anonymized data is saved according to good scientific practices (e.g., repeatability, validity, and peer-review) for the university's server. Data will be deleted 10 years after the end of the project.

#### **11. Sources of personal data**

In most cases, the data will be given by the informants. Considering the observed situations, researcher will participate the observed events openly as a researcher and write notes. Possible emails will be collected from the participants themselves.

#### **12. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to third parties**

BETH project conducts international research collaboration with other researchers in the topic. PI and researchers of the project are responsible on using and saving of the collected personal data. In justified cases of research collaboration, *anonymized* databases can be accessed by collaborators of BETH members, for example, when analyzing results into co-authored articles, or applying the data for writing an MSc thesis.

BETH data descriptions (that do not include personal data) will be added in ETSIN open database (<http://openscience.fi/etsin>). This enables that researchers who work with similar topics, can contact the PI and discuss of research collaboration.

The surveys will be collected via an on-line survey tool Webropol Oy. Webropol is in a common use in the universities in Finland, including the University of Vaasa.

#### **13. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to countries outside the EU or European Economic Area**

BETH project conducts international research collaboration with other researchers in the topic. PI and researchers of the project are responsible on using and saving of the collected data. Personal data will not be transferred outside EU or ETA.

#### **14. Automated decisions**

No automated decisions are made.

#### **15. Safeguards to protect the personal data**

Research data is saved to the cloud database of the University of Vaasa and is protected by the University of Vaasa with its best practices and principles. Research data is protected with user identifications, passwords, and user rights. Personal data is accessed by BETH researchers who need these data for conducting their work tasks. In justified cases, anonymized data can be accessed by research collaborators of BETH researchers who will



follow this privacy notice. One needs protected internet access, user right and password to access data.

Personal data processed in IT systems:

- Username  Password  Logging  Access control  
 other, please specify:

Processing of direct identifiers:

- Direct identifiers will be removed in the analysis phase  
 The material to be analysed includes direct identifiers. Reason: (reason for the retention of direct identifiers)

## 16. Processing of personal data after the completion of the study

- The research material will be deleted

## 17. Rights of the data subject and their restrictions

Data subjects have the right to withdraw their consent provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent.

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office if they think their personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Derogation from the rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation in scientific research is possible subject to the following safeguards:

1. The processing of personal data is based on a research plan.
2. A person or team responsible for the study has been appointed.
3. The personal data will only be used and disclosed for purposes of historical or scientific research or other compatible purposes. Data relating to any specific individual will not be disclosed to third parties.
4. If the study includes processing of personal data referred to in Article 9(1) (special categories of personal data) and Article 10 (personal data related to criminal convictions and offences) of the Data Protection Regulation, in addition to complying with sections 1–3 above, a data protection impact assessment under Article 35 of the Data Protection Regulation must be made and submitted to the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office 30 days before the start of the study.

This study will derogate from the following rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation:

- Right of access (Article 15).  
 Right to rectification (Article 16).  
 Right to erasure (Article 17). The right to erasure shall not apply to scientific or historical research where it is likely to prevent or impede the processing.  
 Right to restriction of processing (Article 18).



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- Right to object (Article 21).

The contact person for matters concerning the rights of data subjects is the Data Protection Officer, whose contact information is provided in section 4 of this notice.