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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

(1) What is this study about?

You are invited to take part in a research study about a decision-making task. You have been invited to participate in this study because you are an active user of Prolific. The information on this page tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the study. Please read this page carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research study is voluntary.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researcher(s): [Dr Stefan Penczynski](#) and [Dr Amir Jafarazedah](#), School of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of East Anglia, and [Chris Santos-Lang](#).

(3) What will the study involve for me?

The study involves playing a number of decision-making tasks with other participants.

You will be able to answer these from your computer at home.

The study will be conducted anonymously, we will not ask you for your name or any other identifying information.

(4) How much of my time will the study take?

Completing the experiment will take about 30 minutes of your time.

(5) Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I have started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of East Anglia now or in the future.

If you decide to take part in the study, you can withdraw at any point by closing the browser tab and clicking "Stop Without Completing" on Prolific.

(6) What are the consequences if I withdraw from the study?

[ETHICS APPLICATION NUMBER: ETH2425-2366]

If you decide to take part in the study and then change your mind, you are free to withdraw at any time before you have submitted your decisions. Once you have submitted them, your responses cannot be withdrawn because they are anonymous and therefore we will not be able to tell which one is yours.

(7) Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

(8) Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?

By participating, you help us and the academic community to better understand coordination behaviour.

(9) What will happen to information provided by me and data collected during the study?

Your personal data and information will only be used as outlined on this page, unless you consent otherwise. Data management will follow the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) and UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), and the University of East Anglia's [Research Data Management Policy](#).

The information you provide will be stored securely and your identity will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings may be published and may also be used for other scholarly and educational purposes such as in teaching, but you will not be identified if you decide to participate in this study. The data will be kept for at least 10 years beyond the last date the data were used. The study findings may be deposited in a repository to allow it to facilitate its reuse. The deposited data will not include your name or any identifiable information about you.

(10) What if I would like further information about the study?

When you have read this information, Dr Stefan Penczynski, S.Penczynski@uea.ac.uk, +44 (0) 1603 591796 will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have about the study.

(11) Will I be told the results of the study?

You are not able to receive feedback about the overall results.

(12) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

If there is a problem please let me know. You can contact me via the University at the following address:

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If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the Head of the School of Economics, Prof. Emiliya Lazarova, E.Lazarova@uea.ac.uk, 01603 592867.

(13) How do I know that this study has been approved to take place?

To protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity, all research in the University of East Anglia is reviewed by a Research Ethics Body. This research was approved by *Ethics Committee of the School of Economics*.

(14) What is the general data protection information I need to be informed about?

According to data protection legislation, we are required to inform you that the legal basis for processing your data as listed in Article 6(1) of the UK GDPR is because this allows us to process personal data when it is necessary to perform our public tasks as a University.

In addition to the specific information provided above about why your personal data is required and how it will be used, there is also some general information which needs to be provided for you:

- The data controller is the University of East Anglia.
- For further information, you can contact the University's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@uea.ac.uk
- You can also find out more about your data protection rights at the [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#).
- If you are unhappy with how your personal data has been used, please contact the University's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@uea.ac.uk in the first instance.

(15) OK, I want to take part – what do I do next?

To take part in the study simply click the “Next” button below. By submitting your responses you are agreeing to the researchers using the data collected for the purposes described above.

(16) Further information

This information was last updated on *08 August 2025*.

If there are changes to the information provided, you will be notified by *the researcher*.

This information sheet is for you to keep