

**Supplementary information**

The German stage of this project will be realised at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Isabel Dziobek. Although Prof. Dziobek was the supervisor of my PhD, this does not impede my academic independence. First of all, I am currently and MSCA-EUTOPIA SIF postdoctoral fellow at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, realising a project of a different focus (multisensory integration in autism) than in my PhD (reward processing in autism) and under different supervision (Prof. Dr. Salvador Soto Faraco). Hence, I have already demonstrated the ability to expand my research to new topics, secure funding for my own projects, and to work independently. Further, choosing Prof. Dziobek and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin as the German host of this project entails substantial benefits for the proposed research and my career development. First, Prof. Dziobek is one of the leading autism researchers in Germany and Berlin is the centre of this field in this country. Thanks to that, my project could benefit from existing mechanisms and spaces allowing autism-friendly studies and facilitated recruitment. Second, Prof. Dziobek leads one of the first participatory autism research groups in Germany, which gives me a unique opportunity to acquire better understanding and hands-on skills in citizen science. Finally, I wish to continue my career in Germany and expand the research proposed here with further applications for the DFG Individual Research Grant or ERC Starting Grant. For these, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin would be a great hosting institution as one of the most prestigious universities in Germany of very high research standards. Overall, I believe that the DAAD PRIME programme would give me a unique opportunity to develop my independent research and career.