INFORMATION STATEMENT

VALUES IN LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

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Dear participant,
We would like to propose that you participate in a research study. It is your right to be informed about the purpose and characteristics of the study so that you can make an informed and free decision whether to participate. Please read the following carefully. The researchers involved in this project are available to answer your questions.

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Data protection officer:	
Data Protection Officer of the University	(dpo@unimi.it)

Scientific leader of the research study	
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What is the goal of the study?
The research study on " Values in Little Red Riding Hood" was designed as part of the H2020 VAST project in which the University of Milan is a partner (https://www.vast-project.eu/).
The VAST project was created to study the transformation over time and space of fundamental values such as freedom, democracy, equality, tolerance, dialogue, and human dignity, which are considered foundational to the idea of Europe, and essential for the emergence of sustainable communities within which citizens can "live well together." VAST intends to study how these values are perceived today. This is done through the collection, digitization, and analysis of stories and experiences of those who communicate those values (artists, museum directors and curators, cultural and creative industry workers, educators, storytellers) and enjoy them (students, visitors, spectators, etc.).
The "Values in Little Red Riding Hood" research study was created to promote the goals of VAST and aims to foster a discussion around the moral values that the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale can communicate.

How is the study enforced?
As a partner in the VAST project, the University of Milan has developed a web app for interactive exploration of the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale: https://redcapp.islab.di.unimi.it/ (hereafter referred to as *Redcapp*). We invite you to use the *Redcapp* app to express your position with respect to the values recognized in the fairy tale.
The *Redcapp* app can be used in two modes. One mode is "individual" and will allow you to explore the fairy tale *on your own* by making choices according to your personal preferences. A different mode is "collective" and will allow you to explore the fairy tale by making choices collegially in case you prefer to share the experience with other participants.
The data collected by the app is anonymous. In individual mode, the *Redcapp* app asks you to provide a) age; b) gender; and c) education level. In collective mode, please select the "*I'm a group*" option on the *Redcapp* app homepage and you can specify the age range and education level of the participants (in collective mode no gender data is collected).

Why we aim to involve you in this research study?

The *Redcapp* app stores the choices made by participants while exploring the fairy tale. VAST research staff at the University of Milan are interested in collecting descriptive statistics of the values recognized in the fairy tale. Some statistics are shown by the *Redcapp* app at the end of the exploration of the fairy tale. The statistics will also be made available on the VAST project web platform (https://www.vast-project.eu/). An example of statistics of interest to the VAST project is the distribution of recognized/selected values in the fairy tale for each specific question. Statistics will be calculated on all participants. Statistics on individual groups or individual participants will not be shown.

Is participation in this research study mandatory?

Your participation is completely free; refusal to participate will not result in any negative consequences. Furthermore, should you change your mind and prefer to withdraw, you are free to do so at any time without having to provide any explanation.
In case of withdrawal, any previously collected data will still be used in the research.

Which steps are required to join the study?

Participation in the study is possible after detailed information about its features, risks, and benefits. At the end of the information phase, you may consent to participate in the study by selecting the option "*I accept the terms and conditions of use of the service*". You will be able to actively participate in the proposed study only after you confirmed your consent.

What are you asked to do?

We ask you to use the *Redcapp* app in individual or collective mode according to the scenario that best suits your situation.
The total duration of the research study will be about two months (February-March 2024).
Involvement in the study takes only a few minutes, those required to follow the fairy tale on the *Redcapp* app.

How will we process your data?
All information regarding the processing of your personal data (including special categories of data) is contained in the special information notice prepared in accordance with Article 13 of Reg. 2016/679 (GDPR) issued together with this information statement.

Which are the possible risks and inconveniences of the study?
There are no known risks.

What are the possible benefits from the study?
The study does not directly benefit the participant. However, the study allows to enrich the statistics about the perceived values through the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale, and it contributes to the credibility of the results of the VAST project.

We also inform you that this study has been approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of Milan. During the study, you may contact the study leader for any information.

We thank you for your kind availability.