



Information sheet – Research Ethics Committee (REC)

for (doctoral) research project:

Title:

Subtitle:

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider getting involved in my (doctoral) research project.

In one paragraph maximum 10 – 12 lines please explain your research project in terms intelligible to a wider audience:

Confidentiality and participant rights

- The interviews will be audio-recorded and notes will be taken during the interview.
- You have the right to ask to have the recording turned off whenever you decide and you may also end the interview at any time.
- If you wish so you will be sent a copy of the interview notes, and you will have the opportunity to make corrections or request the erasure of any materials you do not wish to be used.
- The information you provide will be kept confidentially in a locked facility or in a password protected file on my computer up to five years upon completion of my research.
- The main use of the information you provide will help me towards my doctoral thesis (for PhD candidates), which upon completion will publicly be available on Internet.
- The data may also be used for articles, book chapters, published and unpublished work and presentations.
- Unless you have given explicit permission to do so, personal names or any other information which would serve to identify you as an informant will not be included in this research or in any future publication or reports resulting from this project.

As a participant you have the right to:

- decline to participate;
- decline to answer any particular question;
- ask for the audio-recorder to be turned off at any time;
- end the interview at any time
- withdraw from the study up until the moment the research has been published;
- ask any questions about the study at any time during participation; and
- ask for the erasure of any materials you do not wish to be used in any reports of this study.

Once again I thank you for taking the time to find out more about my (doctoral) research. I am at your disposal for any questions you might have. You can also contact my supervisors at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

Researcher contact details :	Main Supervisor contact details:

This research project has been approved by the Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences. Any questions about the ethical conduct of this research may be sent to the Secretary of the Committee Ms. Tineke Dijkman: email: gradschool.fss@rug.nl Physical address: Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, Landleven 1, 9747 AD Groningen, The Netherlands.