# Privacy policies in a scientific study: National identities in the flux – online accounts of Russianness and Ukrainianess in 2022

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1. Basic information about the register

Name of the register: Youth Research Society / DECA-project (WP2)

□ Cross-sectional study ⊠ Follow-up study

Duration of the study: 1.6.2023-31.12.2024

Principal investigator: Antti Kivijärvi, senior researcher, Youth Research Society

Researcher: Post-doctoral researcher Arseniy Svynarenko and senior researcher Antti Kivijärvi. At later stages the research team might be supplemented with a research assistant.

 $\boxtimes$  This is a co-operative study.

The study is part of a DECA consortium coordinated by the University of Helsinki and funded by the Strategic Council of the Finnish Academy. The full name of the DECA-project (2022-2025) is The Democratic Epistemic Capacities in the age of Algorithms.

#### 2. Controller of the register

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## 3. The purpose and the legal basis of processing personal data

The name of the study: National identities is the flux – online accounts of Russianness and Ukrainianess in 2022

Legal basis of processing personal data: Common good / scientific research

In this study, we explore the changes and reformulations of Ukrainian and Russian identities in the context of Finnish society before and after the escalated Russian invasion in 2022. First, we will follow six young and active online citizens from Ukrainian and Russian backgrounds who have a key role as producers and distributors of knowledge on their collective identities. We will analyse the online content they and their followers produced in 1.11.2021-1.7.2022. Second, we will conduct semi-structured interviews with online citizens in 2023. Third, we will conduct, together with RARE media and research participants, workshops and journalistic stories about the subject matter.

The personal data concerning research participants will not be used to profile them or decision making about their lives.

### 4. Personal data in the register

Register will contain some personal data about the online citizens. The data will consist of contents the online citizens have posted in their social media platforms and voluntary disclosed in the interviews and workshops. Moreover, it is likely that the register will include some personal data of the followers of the online citizens. The register will include data about the names of the persons, their age, gender, language used, nationalities and countries of birth. It is possible that the register will also include sensitive personal data in the form of political commitments and ethnic identities. Since the data is qualitative, it is not possible to have a full control on the types of personal data it will eventually include.

## 5. Regular sources of information

Those research participants who have given their consent to researchers. Moreover, the followers of online citizens will function and sources of information as well. The aim is to inform the followers about the study and privacy policies of the study, but it is likely that not all of them will be reached. However, only public online data will be used.

#### 6. Regular disclosures of data

The data included in the register can be transferred only to other researchers working for the DECA-project in the universities of Helsinki, Eastern Finland, Tampere and Aalto University.

Controller of the register will not transfer data to any other natural persons or organisations. Due to data processing some parts of the register might be located temporarily in servers of sub-contractors.

7. Transfers of data to third countries (outside European Union or European Economic Area)

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#### 8. The principles of data protection

 $\boxtimes$  The information in the data is classified.

 $\boxtimes$  Information about personal identities will be removed during the analysis (anonymisation).  $\boxtimes$  The data will be analysed with connectable information about personal identities while direct information is covered (pseudonymisation).

□ The data will be analysed with personal identities, because the analysis requires detailed information about personal identities (e.g., social security number)

#### Digital data

 $\boxtimes$  The register includes digital data.

Tahto Group Oy is the service provider for the Youth Research Society in information technology. All digital data will be located in the Microsoft cloud computing surroundings (Office 365 and certified with ISO/IEC 27001) and are protected by user identity, password and two-phase identification. All data centres are owned by Microsoft, and they are located in the region of European Union, in Finland, Ireland, Netherlands and Austria. All digital files that include personal data will be categorised as confidential and access to them is limited for project researchers only.

Digital files that include personal data will be protected in the following ways:

□ Username □ Password □ User registration (logging)

 $\Box$  The register includes manual data.

## 9. Annihilation or archiving the data

 $\boxtimes\;$  The research data and register will be annihilated.

 $\Box$  The research data and register will be archived  $\Box$  without personal data  $\Box$  with personal data.

## 10. Recipients of personal data

The data or the register might be processed by project researchers in the Youth Research Society, University of Helsinki, University of Eastern Finland, University of Tampere and Aalto University.

## 11. Retention period of personal data

Personal data will be retained until two years has been passed after reporting the research results. The retention is related to the scientific process of reviewing the research and processing of publications. The data and the register will be annihilated latest by 31.12.2028.

## 12. Rights of the data subject

According to data protection regulation, in certain situations research participants have a right to check and correct personal data concerning them. If one wishes to use these or other rights mentioned in data protection legislation, please be in contact with Antti Kivijärvi.

Research participants have a right to cancel their consent. The consent needs to be cancelled before 31.1.2024.

Research participants have a right to file a complaint to authorities if they have a reason to suspect that their personal data has been used in illegal ways.

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