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ReBordering Britain and Britons after Brexit (MIGZEN)

RESEARCH PROJECT – information sheet

**Information for participants**

You have been invited to take part in the research project *Rebordering Britain and Britons after Brexit (MIGZEN)*. Before you decide whether to participate, it is important that you understand why the research is being undertaken and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask if you need any further information.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

*MIGZEN* examines the impact of Brexit and COVID on migration to and from the United Kingdom from the perspective of global and national governance/policymaking to people’s everyday perceptions and experiences. The team will be conducting research between December 2021 and 31 January 2023.

**Who is funding the study?**

The study is funded by the Economic and Research Council through the Governance After Brexit Scheme (part of the UK in a Changing Europe initiative) (Grant Number ES/V004530/1). You can find out more about the initiative at [www.ukandeu.ac.uk](http://www.ukandeu.ac.uk).

**How can I find out more about the project?**

Further information about the project is available at RCUK’s Gateway to Research (<https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=ES%2FV004530%2F1>) and the project website (<https://migzen.net>)

**Who are the project team?**

The team is co-led by Professor Nando Sigona (University of Birmingham) and Professor Michaela Benson (Lancaster University), and includes Dr Catherine Craven (University of Birmingham) and Dr Elena Zambelli (Lancaster University). The project is run from the School of Policy Studies, University of Birmingham.

**Why have I been invited to participate?**

You have been asked to participate because you meet the criteria for to be included as a member of our target populations: British citizens resident in EU member states before and after Brexit, EU citizens and Third Country Nationals living in the UK, including those settling in the UK from 1 January 2021.

**Do I have to take part?**

**Note for ethics committee: as the different stages of the research are staggered, the date for withdrawal will change depending on the stage. In all cases, the date for withdrawal will be six week after that stage of research has been completed**

It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide at any time during the research that you no longer wish to participate in this project, you can withdraw immediately without giving any reason. Furthermore, you will be able to withdraw any data that you have supplied until xxx when the data has been anonymised and analysed.

**What will happen if I do take part?**

**Note for ethics committee: this is the master copy of the information sheet; the version that individual participants will receive will be adapted depending on which part of the research they are participating in. As such, only one of the following paragraphs will appear.**

[For those taking part in the citizens’ panel] You will participate in the project through completing a series of small tasks online over a twelve-month period. These will be coordinated via email by the project team and might include completing short surveys, writing diary entries, sending in photographs and short audio clips. Your contributions can be made available to you upon request. If there are any tasks you would prefer not to participate in, you can decline at any time.

[For those taking part in interviews] We will set up an interview at a time and location convenient to you (online or in person). The interview will take approximately an hour. The interview will be semi-structured. With your permission, it will be recorded and transcribed; a copy of the transcript will be available on request.

[For those taking part in the survey] You will complete the online survey. At the outset of the survey you will find the consent form, confirming your participation in the survey. Once you have completed the survey you will the option of downloading your responses for your records.

[For those taking part in the focus groups] The focus groups will take approximately an hour and a half. These will be recorded and transcribed; a copy of the transcript will be available on request.

**What are the benefits of taking part?**

There are no direct benefits to the participants of the research project. However, the project will also produce a range of outputs that you can freely access through the project website (<https://migzen.net>).

**Will my data be identifiable?**

After the interview/focus group/observation (change as applicable), only the research team will have access the data you have shared. The only other person who will have access to what you contributed is a professional transcriber who will listen to the recordings and produce a written record of what you have said. The transcriber will sign a confidentiality agreement.

All personal information about you (e.g. your name and other information about you that can identify you) will be confidential and will not be shared beyond the project team. Any personal information will be removed from the written record of your contribution. All reasonable steps will be taken to protect the anonymity of the participants involved in this project.

**How will we use the information you have shared with us and what will happen to the results of the research study?**

The information you share with us may be used in the following ways: academic publications, for example journal articles; research reports; presentations at conferences and to policy-makers and practitioners; podcasts and our contributions to other broadcast and print media; and for teaching purposes.

When writing up the findings from this study, the project team would like to reproduce some of the views and ideas you shared. In this case we would use anonymised quotes, taking all reasonable steps to protect your anonymity in the project outputs.

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| **How my data will be stored?**  Your data will be stored in encrypted files accessible only to members of the project team and on password-protected computers. Hard copies of any data will be stored securely in locked cabinets. Data that can identify you will be stored separately from non-personal information (e.g. your views on a specific topic). In accordance with University guidelines, the research team will keep the data securely for a minimum of ten years. |

The funder expects the research team to make data available for future use by other researchers. To this purpose it will exclude all personal data from archiving. The research team intends to archive/share the data via the UK Data Services Reshare archive (<https://reshare.ukdataservice.ac.uk>).

**Who has reviewed the study?**

The research has been approved by the University Ethics Review system at the University of Birmingham [ERN\_21-0061] and at the University of Lancaster. If you have any concerns over the way that the research has been conducted, please contact [add details here].

**If you decide you want to take part, or if you require any further details about the project, please contact:**

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