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Participant information regarding the study
„Neurodivergence, technology and everyday work“

Dear study participants,

with this project, we want to study which **experiences you have made with technology and your neurodivergence regarding everyday work.** We also want to evaluate how these experiences can be included in the development of assistive technologies and work technologies.

To this end, we want to conduct a semi-structured interview with you.

Neurodivergent in this context means: People with ADHD or ADD, with dyslexia or autistic people. Official diagnoses are not necessary, self-diagnoses are valid. In addition, participants need to be at least 18 years old.

Everyday work means, for us: You work, no matter how many hours per week, or whether paid or unpaid. This includes, but is not limited to: employment in a company, keeping house, caring for relatives, raising children, freelance work, … We are also looking for people who are currently looking for work.

Technology covers a broad spectrum in this study. Whether you use a physical notebook to not forget things, or you cover all your needs using various online services or smartphone apps – we are interested in the manifold ways and options of organising work and everyday life!

The results will be used to derive design recommendations for follow-up studies and future development of assistive technologies and workplace technologies to improve everyday work for neurodivergent people.

During the study, we will only be discussing past events.

The following information should make it easier for you to decide whether you would like to take part in this study. Please read the document carefully before making a decision. It is important that you ask ques-tions if anything is unclear to you.

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Study content

The study involves participation in a semi-structured interview. The interview will deal with the context of your everyday work life. We will collect some socio-demographic data, and talk about your work context. In Addition, we want to discuss which technologies play what role(s).

Methods

The interview will be digitally recorded using a laptop or recording device. Depending on how the interview is conducted (online / on premise), we will additionally use BigBlueButton (video conferencing software hosted by KIT).

Tasks and schedule

We will start the interview with socio-demographic data and then talk about your individual background. Following this, we will discuss various topic areas (see study contents). After, the interview focusses on the effects and roles of technologies in your life. Your personal needs and preferences regarding development of new technologies or improvements of existing ones will also be a topic. We also have time scheduled for you to ask questions.

Overall, the interview will take about 30-45 minutes.

Risik assessment

Participating in the survey does not put you at any risk. However, we would like to point out that negative experiences with respect to your neurodivergence may be reflected upon.

Further information

If you have any further questions about the study program or if you are still unclear about anything, or if you have any questions after the study date, you can contact the Head of Studies at any time.