



LETTER OF INFORMATION

Project Title

Beyond the Noise: Open Source Soundscapes.

A mixed methodology to identify, assess and plan small, quiet areas on the local scale, applying the soundscape approach, the citizen science paradigm and open source technology.

Principal Investigator

Dr. Antonella Radicchi (Technical University of Berlin)

Project Supervisor: Professor Dietrich Henckel (Technical University of Berlin)

Dear citizen,

I am currently undertaking a IPODI-Marie Curie post doctoral fellowship at the Technical University of Berlin, working on the research project: “**Beyond the Noise: Open Source Soundscapes**”.

The project deals with the issue of **noise pollution** and it experiments with a novel mixed methodology to **identify, assess and plan small, quiet areas on the neighborhood scale**, by actively involving citizens and using novel open source technology, with the ultimate goal of **making quietness available to everyone**.

If you like the idea behind the project and you would like to take part in it, you will be involved in the **following activities**:

- Participating in a **short individual meeting** with the principal investigator.
- Participating in a **group soundwalk** guided by the principal investigator.
- Participating in a **group discussion** at the end of the soundwalk managed by the principal investigator.
- **Collecting data** related to your favourite quiet spot in the Reuterkiez, by using the HUSH CITY app.
- **Discussing the results of the study** with the principal investigator and the other participants.

By carrying out this research project, I **aim** to:

- **Increase community awareness** on the importance of reclaiming and protecting quietness in their neighbourhoods.
- **Empower local communities** to identify, evaluate and access small, quiet spots in their neighbourhoods.
- **Impact on policies and the participatory planning processes** by training committed citizens in soundscape action research.



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Please, note that:

- Participation in this study is strictly **voluntary** and **you have the right to withdraw without consequences at any time.**
- **Confidentiality and anonymity are strictly assured**, through the use of pseudonyms and appropriate secure data storage.

Should you wish to take part in the study, please note that you will receive additional documents such as:

- The letter of invitation.
- The Informed Consent Form.
- The Dossier explaining the details of the study.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your consideration.

If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please, contact me at 0151 41871493 or email me at antonella.radicchi@tu-berlin.de.

Sincerely,

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