

The GfeW provides a certificate of approval if all of the following questions are answered truthfully with "no"!



#### Admissibility check

1. Are there personal interviews to collect historical or biographical facts?
2. Is it the collection and coding of behaviour in public space (field data) without any intervention by the researcher (e.g. data collection on visitor numbers, demand, public opinions, etc.)?
3. Is it legal field data already collected according to ethical principles, collected, encoded and anonymised by third parties and accessible to research (e.g. data from statistical offices and other government agencies, data from surveys of research institutes, etc.)?
4. Is it legal and ethical data from previous experiments that have already been collected, encoded and made anonymous and accessible to research (e.g. data from previous experiments that are re-evaluated)?
5. Has the experiment already been performed?
6. Are researchers or research institutes involved in the experimental study whose participation requires approval of the study by other bodies (e.g. ethics commission of the research institution)?

#### Ethics check

1. Preliminary examination: Has the planned experiment already been examined and rejected by another ethics committee?
2. Physical integrity: Are physiological interventions or the administration of pharmaceutically active substances planned?
3. Psychological integrity: Are the test subjects specifically transferred into psychologically or emotionally extreme stress situations or can such situations be expected to arise for the test subjects or for others during the course of the experiment?
4. Deception: Are the test persons deliberately deceived in order to observe their actions under false guidelines or in order not to grant them promised benefits (especially experiment payments) at all or not to the full extent?
5. Freedom of choice: Are the subjects or other persons exposed to coercive situations (i.e. situations which they can only leave at disproportionately high cost)?
6. Material losses: Do the subjects face material losses from their own assets (i.e. without taking into account the experiment payments), about whose existence and possible extent they have not been informed beforehand?
7. Criminal activity: Is it to be expected that illegal or even criminal acts (by the scientist, the test subjects or by third parties) will occur in the course of the experiment?
8. Protection of personal data: Are the personal data of the subjects made available to the public intentionally or through lack of care, passed on to others or used in any other way without express consent?
9. Transparent recruitment: Is an intransparent recruitment of subjects implemented that could be distorting or selective? (This also includes selection procedures that are influenced by third parties, e.g. by companies or by superiors.)
10. Persons in need of protection: Do subjects under special legal or social protection (e.g. children, people with disabilities or other persons in need of protection) participate?
11. Animal testing: Are live animals used in the experiment?
12. Misuse of knowledge: Can the results of research be expected to be misused by governmental or other organisations to promote the violation of human rights or the destruction of the environment?