FOCUS GROUP FOR IT PERSONS (WITHIN THE FOSTERING ACCESSIBLE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT-FAST)

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

RESEARCH PROCEDURES

This research is being conducted with the purpose to create a methodological framework for an accessible Learning Management System in higher ed. If you agree to participate you will be asked to share your experiences in the usage of smart technology by persons with disabilities, experiences in creating a software for persons with disabilities and the possibility for e-learning for these persons.

The focus group will take approximately 60 minutes.

RISKS

The foreseeable risks or discomforts include the typical reaction one might have related to responding to questions (i.e., ready to be finished, annoyance, etc). Participants may withdraw from the focus group at any time.

BENEFITS

There are no direct benefits to you for participating, however, you may find the opportunity to share your expertise regarding creating an accessible Learning Management system to be rewarding.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The data in this study will be confidential. Only the researchers will be able to determine who provided the responses. Names and information regarding the vocation of the respondents will be collected. Names will not be written in the reports, only initials of the participants. While it is understood that no computer transmission can be perfectly secure, reasonable efforts will be made to protect the confidentiality of your transmission.

PARTICIPATION

Inclusionary criteria for participants includes being an IT expert. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. If you decide not to participate or if you withdraw from the study, there is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. There are no costs to you or any other party.

AUDIO-TAPING

The audio-taping will be conducted during the focus group. The tapes will be transcribed afterwards. The purpose is to assure accuracy in transcription. The files will be stored on password protected computers with no identifiable information. The tapes will be deleted after the transcription.

CONTACT

This research is being conducted by Dr. Vojislav Sarakinski, Associate Professor on the Faculty of Philosophy. He may be reached at +389489299 for questions or to report a research-related problem.
CONSENT

I have read this form, all of my questions have been answered by the research staff, and I agree to participate in this study.

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Signature

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Date of Signature

____________________ I agree to audio taping.

____________________ I do not agree to audio taping.