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THE RESEARCH PROTOCOL OF THE DIVERSITY PILOT STUDY

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Abstract	This deliverable contains the final protocol that has been implemented by all the partners involved for the data collection for the evaluation of human diversity. We aimed at exploiting as much as possible the diversity of different countries and cultural communities among partners and, at the same time, maintaining a level of comparability. The latter point has been
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In the context of a global pandemic, the criterion of ecological validity became problematic as such exceptional circumstances made some of our initial design not feasible or valid anymore. The pandemic and the related restrictions created a very new and dynamic context. We responded changing several times our instruments adapting them to the context as much as possible. A context that was often different between the countries involved

This document is the necessary companion to the datasets that will be made available to the scientific community at large. The degree of complexity and difficulty designing this project's pre-pilots far surpasses what is typically considered standard in social science research. The main features of this data collection can be summarised in the following points:

- 1) It includes two forms of data collected: *self-reported* data employing a survey and *behavioural* ones, the latter collected by the iLog app.
- 2) It is a cross-cultural and multi-country data collection
- 3) It entailed a synchronic (survey) and diachronic (iLog App) data collection
- 4) It covers different aspects of student's social practices
- 5) It includes, for the iLog data collection, data from smartphone's sensors.

The challenge of tackling 'diversity' in an empirical study was to move from an abstract concept to an empirical one, a challenge known to social scientists. We have operationalised diversity within the context of social practices and found indicators to measure the latter among the three dimensions underlying social practices: competence, materiality and meaning. There are, of course, other possible empirical implementation of the concept of diversity, but we believe that our choice was the best option in the context of this project.