

# DATA SHARING POLICY AGREEMENT

## For COST Action “MultipleYE” (CA21131)

*Effective date: August, 2023*

We appreciate the contribution of all members of MultipleYE to the development of a multi-lingual eye-tracking data corpus.

As a MultipleYE data collector, you agree to openly share all collected data for reuse within our MultipleYE database. That includes all eye-tracking data and other relevant (meta)data collected for the corpus. The data will be made publicly searchable and accessible through the [Research Data Center](#) of the Leibniz Institute for Psychology (ZPID) and will be archived at the open-source repository [PsychArchives](#).

Before sharing, all data collected for the eye-tracking data corpus must go through a preprocessing pipeline and review process that is designed by MultipleYE to ensure data quality. All data collectors must submit their data to the MultipleYE preprocessing and data review team in order to prepare the data for sharing. We understand that some data collectors may wish to work with their data for their own research purposes before or during the preprocessing stage. If this is the case, we request that you always name the version of data you have previously worked with and be transparent about your data’s processing.

To ensure the quality and accessibility of the data corpus, we strive to maintain the highest standards of data management. We ask that all data collectors adhere to the [MultipleYE Data Management Plan](#), which includes standardized procedures for file formatting, versioning, and (meta-)data documentation. By doing so, we can ensure that our eye-tracking data corpus is of the highest quality and can be easily shared and reused by researchers around the world.

Furthermore, we acknowledge the value of eye-tracking data and its potential to advance our understanding of multi-lingual eye-tracking research. We also acknowledge the hard work, time, and expertise that goes into collecting such data. Therefore, all data collectors will, of course, receive proper recognition for their contributions to the research by ensuring an appropriate citation (provided by the repository PsychArchives).

When receiving your contribution to the MultipleYE core data collection, our team will take care of submitting and sharing the data. If you wish to share or publish your data separately from the MultipleYE collection, you are free to do so. We only request that you ensure proper recognition by naming the version or indicating that the data is also part of the MultipleYE collection (i.e., by adding a footnote linking to the MultipleYE website and stating the following: “The data presented herein is a part of the [MultipleYE](#) consortium project.”). This acknowledgment is vital for maintaining transparency and facilitating effective use of the data.

In cases where a different preprocessing approach has been employed, indicating the specific version of the data helps to distinguish between variations.

We will publish a primary paper that will describe the entire eye-tracking data collection of MultiPLEYE. This publication will acknowledge all data collectors contributing to the MultiPLEYE core data collection as co-authors until the deadline defined below.

Please note that we also plan to publish secondary papers introducing the project’s overarching structure. These may include but are not limited to, detailing the MultiPLEYESTore data repository, the stimulus corpus, experimental presentation, data preprocessing, the development of the *pymovements* software, etc. Subject to publication and reviewing cycles, these papers are scheduled to precede the eye-tracking data collection phase and the release of the main research paper. Since these publications mainly offer insights into the framework and approaches of MultiPLEYE, co-authors will be defined separately for each publication, taking into account contributions to the projects themselves and to writing the paper. Any subsequent publications that utilize data from the MultiPLEYE corpus should include a citation of these publications.

Contributions to the MultiPLEYE data collection can be submitted up to 6 months before the official end of the COST Action on September 27, 2026. Therefore, data can be submitted **until March 27, 2026**. However, our ability to accept data submissions and continue providing services after the COST Action project concludes will depend on our capacities, which cannot be estimated at this time. Additionally, contributions received after the submission deadline will, unfortunately, not be included in the main paper.

By agreeing to this policy agreement, you acknowledge and agree to the purpose of the data collection for MultiPLEYE and the responsibilities outlined in this policy agreement. Hereon, we can ensure the success of this project and the continued collaboration of all involved.