**Debriefing**

A debriefing is always necessary, when participants had to be deceited or left in the dark about the purpose of the study. It needs to be developed for each study individually. This template shall help to draft a debriefing document.

It is delivered right after the participant completed the study.

Thank you very much for participating in this study!

The purpose of this research you just participated in is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If the study contained stimuli that were created or manipulated for the study, but did not appear in reality:*

In this [survey / experiment] you received / saw [messages / pictures / news articles ...] stating / showing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

These [messages / pictures / news articles ...] were specifically develped for this research. They did not appear in reality.

*If participants received wrong information on, for example, political or health issues, it is important to correct this wrong information:*

In the study you learned that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

However, in reality it is true that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*If your study is running for some days / weeks and there is a possibility that its participants meet and share information about the study, you can add:*

Please keep this information about the purpose of the study for yourself and do not share it with others, who may also participate in the study, until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or comments regarding the study, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_