

## Research Information Letter

Dear participant,

My name is Petar, and I would like to invite you to participate in a research study we are conducting at Breda University of applied sciences. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time.

For the next 8 weeks we are conducting research on “The impact of employee cybersecurity awareness on the overall security of small hotels” with BUas and DigiWerkplaats Breda.

The research aims to correlate and explain to what extent employee knowledge on cybersecurity influences the overall security of a hotel.

It will be conducted at Breda University of Applied Sciences. Duration is between 30th of September 2024 until 6th of October.

For this research you need to be between the age of 18-65, Be currently employed at a hotel with a maximum of 200 employees or study for hotel management.

There are no advantages or disadvantages experienced or resulting from this study.

There are no known risks associated with participating in this study. All information you provide will be kept confidential, and no sensitive or harmful procedures will be involved.

There is no cost in the whole research paper also the interview. The travel cost will be not reimbursed, and they will only get additional supply of dopamine

The survey data gathered during this study will be analysed using python and various python packages. Any personal data will be anonymised by replacing your name with a ID. Age, occupation and any other personal information that does not directly tie you to an identity will be included in the research.

The data will only be accessed to the researchers and the mentors overseeing them. After this only the parsed and filtered data will be stored. The data will be stored for at least 10 years after which BUas deletes it. For more information, the data management plan can be read.

Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. You are free to decline or withdraw at any point without any negative consequences. If you decide to withdraw, your data will be deleted and will not be used in the research. Researchers can also decide to end your involvement.

The results of this research will be presented to a variety of small or medium businesses and can be submitted to a journal where a written version could be viewed by the public.

If you want to read this paper for yourself, you can email us, and it will be sent over once finished.

If a participant has any complaints regarding the research process, they are welcome to contact the person who conducted the interview or sent the questionnaire directly. If that does not lead to a

satisfactory outcome, they can escalate the issue by emailing the research team at [232725@buas.nl](mailto:232725@buas.nl), where it will be handled appropriately by the students who conducted the survey

This study has not been approved by the BUas ethics review board as it is a student project with supervision from mentors.

There is a consent form with all the information on it and before the interview will ask them if they want to be recorded.

The participant can ask the person who is interviewing them for more information

With kind regards,  
Team Cybersecurity-4