

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Introduction

We are members of a research project called Feed4Food is to empower vulnerable communities in three European cities—Greece, Cyprus, and Romania—through our innovative Urban Agriculture Living Labs. We hope to learn more about good and bad practices when establishing and running urban agriculture living labs. The information obtained from this study may benefit others who want to establish similar urban agriculture living labs in the future. In this project, we would like to evaluate the impact of the Living Labs on specific aspects of participants' life: health and quality of life. The aim is to investigate what can facilitate sustainable, inclusive and healthy urban food environments. We would therefore like you to answer a series of questionnaires, as well as to regularly input information on your activities in the urban garden you maintain.

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We would like to emphasize that this questionnaire is completely anonymous and no identifying information will be collected. Your answers will be purely used for research purposes and will not affect any benefit or subsidies you may receive now or in the future. All data provided will be stored and handled in full accordance with the European Union privacy rules.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate before the study begins or discontinue your participation at any time. You may skip any question that may make you feel uncomfortable, with no penalty.

The main researchers conducting this study are Lia van Wesenbeeck and Klervie Toczé. Lia van Wesenbeeck is an associate professor at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Klervie Toczé is a research associate at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact Klervie Toczé (k.m.tocze@vu.nl or +31627262141) or Lia van Wesenbeeck (c.f.a.van.wesenbeeck@vu.nl).

1. Risks and discomforts

We do not anticipate any risks from participating in this research. We are not part of the Living Lab management or authorities.

In general, you do not have to answer any question, especially, feel free not to answer questions which are emotionally stressful for you.

2. Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security

The legal entity responsible for processing the personal data of the participant is the Stichting VU.

The personal data that will be processed includes socio-demographic information.

3. Data Availability

Data from this study may be shared through Yoda with the research community at large to advance science.

4. Ethics review and complaints

[Include this section if you have applied for ethics review at the RERC]

This study complies with the ethical guidelines of the School of Business and Economics at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The Ethics Review Board has reviewed this study with reference number # [see the RERC letter].

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Questions on the ethics of this study should be directed to the School of Business and Economics, Ethics Review Board rerb.sbe@vu.nl.

5. If you have questions

Feel free to reach out to k.m.tocze@vu.nl for any questions. Your participant ID is the user name you use for connecting to the dashboard.

6. Statement of Consent

I have read the above information and have received answers to any questions I asked. I consent to take part in the study and provide consent for the processing of the research data / personal data (if any) that is collected derived from my participation.

I consent

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