

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Introduction

We are members of a research project called Feed4Food. We aim 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.

We would like to emphasize that the questionnaires are 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 on Yoda, a storage platform provided by the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam that operates in full accordance with the European Union privacy rules. Data from this study may be shared through Yoda with the research community at large to advance science.

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 might make you feel uncomfortable or distressed, with no penalty. Please state the user name that you use for connecting to the dashboard portal if you wish to withdraw your participation during or after the study. We do not anticipate any risks from participating in this research.

The main researchers conducting this study are Lia van Wesenbeeck and Klervie Toczé. We are not part of the Living Lab management or authorities. Lia van Wesenbeeck is an associate professor at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Klervie Toczé is a research associate at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. The legal entity responsible for processing the personal data of the participant is the Stichting VU.

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 SBE/2/hbs596.

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).

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