

## RESEARCH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

### **Validating a Model-Driven Repository for Best Practices on Ethical, Social, and Environmental Topics**

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#### **What is the purpose of this study?**

We intend to investigate the extend to which a best practice sharing repository, like OpenBest, can enhance knowledge sharing by facilitating creation, storing, and viewing of best practices containing steps of improvement to reach sustainability goals. For this we deploy OpenBest to be used by you! During the interactions with OpenBest, activity is monitored.

#### **What will I do if I choose to be in this study?**

You will interact with OpenBest, by looking at, creating, editing, commenting on and exchanging best practices.

#### **How long will I be in the study?**

The study period lasts from the 10-3-2022 to at least 2-7-2022. After this period this study is concluded but OpenBest may remain usable depending on the situation on that time. This will be communicated timely. It is not required for you to stay engaged during the entire period, but it is encouraged. This means that by this single visit you are already contributing but we would like to see you more often during the study period.

#### **What are the possible risks or discomforts?**

During the interactions with OpenBest information about your usage is collected. This can be intimidating and perhaps felt as intrusive. By agreeing to the terms in this document you agree that we can collect said information. If later, you feel unsure about this be sure to contact us and we will remove the data. There are no other risks or discomforts known.

#### **Are there any benefits?**

By sharing your experience and opinion, you are contributing to the body of knowledge. If you want, we will share the results with you.

#### **What information about me and my participation is collected?**

The information that we collect consists of logs of activities. This means that when you perform a specific activity this is collected as information. Such a log typically contains the following information, the email you used to login to OpenBest, the action you performed (e.g., open a best

practice or make a rating), the date and time you did this. While we initially collect the email address this is later anonymized in the research.

### **Will information about me and my participation be kept confidential?**

Your interactions will be kept strictly confidential, and digital data will be stored in secure computer files. In the publications based on this research we will report on the results in a way that they are not traceable to you or your organisation. We will thank the participants in the acknowledgements section using a generic sentence and not their names. The project's research records may be reviewed by departments at Utrecht University responsible for regulatory and research oversight.

### **What are my rights if I take part in this study?**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You will not be paid for your participation. You may choose not to participate or, if you agree to participate, you can withdraw your participation at any time without being penalised. If you wish to have your information removed, please reach out to the researcher.

### **Who can I contact if I have questions about the study?**

If you have questions, comments or concerns about this research project, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact:

- Main researcher: Stefan van der Pijl or
- Supervisor: Sergio España <s.espana@uu.nl>
- Daily supervisor: Vijanti Ramautar <v.d.ramautar@uu.nl>

If you have questions about your rights while taking part in the study or have concerns about the treatment of research participants, please contact Sergio España <s.espana@uu.nl>, also at this number +31 30 253 7088