

Consent Form for Strategic Observatory for EU Data Collection

Please consider this information carefully before deciding whether to participate in this research.

Purpose of the research: to understand the levels of strategic development of EU.

What you will do in this research: If you decide to volunteer, you will be asked to participate in one interview. You will be asked several questions. With your permission, the interview will be tape recorded. You will not be asked to state your name on the recording.

Time required: The questionnaire will take approximately max. 1 hours.

Risks: No risks are anticipated.

Benefits: This is a chance for you to tell your story about your experiences concerning the EU strategies development.

Confidentiality: Your responses to interview questions will be kept confidential. At no time will your actual identity be revealed. You will be assigned a random numerical code. Anyone who helps the researcher transcribe responses will only know you by this code. The recording will be stored in archive by the researcher conducting the research. The transcript, without your name, will be kept until the project is concluded and according with the Grant agreement of the JM COE award conditions.

The data you give us will be used for project report on the innovation state of the art in respective country and may be used as the basis for articles or presentations in the future. Additionally, your responses will serve as basis for future project related work. Your name or information that would identify you will not be used in any publications or presentations.

Participation and withdrawal: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you may otherwise be entitled. You may withdraw by informing the interviewer that you no longer wish to participate (no questions will be asked). You may skip any question during the interview but continue to participate in the rest of the study.

To Contact the Researcher: If you have questions or concerns about this research, please contact: [researcher's name, address, phone number, and email address]. You may also contact the project coordinator supervising this project: prof. Borut Rončević, Faculty of Advanced Social Studies, borut.roncevic@fuds.si.

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Agreement:

The nature and purpose of this research have been sufficiently explained, and I agree to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without incurring any penalty.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____

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