**Consent for Participation in Research**

By signing this document I volunteer to participate in the Horizon2020 research-project *STAR4BBI,* conducted by researchers from: *Technische Universität Berlin*, *Nova-Institut GmbH*, the Netherlands Standardization Institute, and *Wageningen University & Research* – under the umbrella project: STAR4BBI. I understand that the project is designed to gather information on the effects of Standards and Regulation related to the Bio Based Industry. This information exchange is part of a research on eight case-studies.

1. My participation in this project is voluntary. I understand that I will not be paid for my participation. I may withdraw and discontinue participation at any time without penalty.

Information on whether I withdrew from the research-project, or declined to participate, will be dealt with discretely, and not be published.

1. If I feel uncomfortable in any way during the interview session, I have the right to decline to answer any question or to end the interview.
2. The interview will last approximately **[duration of interview]**. Notes will be written during the interview. An audio tape of the interview and subsequent dialogue will be made. This tape will be destroyed after the analysis of the expert interviews. If I don't want to be taped, I will say so before the beginning of the interview. I can also stop taping if I do not feel comfortable throughout the interview.
3. This consent form with my name and signature is kept separately from the study data and cannot be attributed to my answers.
4. All data is stored on secure and password protected platforms. Access to the research data is only authorized for STAR4BBI researchers.
5. Any personal data gathered by the STAR4BBI partners will be destroyed after the research project has been completed.
6. I have been informed that I can revoke the saving of my data up to two weeks after the interview and that I can ask my data and all transcripts and recordings to be deleted up to two weeks after the interview.
7. Members from my organization/company will neither be present at the interview nor have access to raw notes or transcripts. This precaution will prevent my individual comments from having any negative repercussions.
8. I have read and understand the explanation provided to me. I have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction, and I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.
9. I have been given a copy of this consent form.

Full name Participant:

Full name STAR4BBI Researcher:

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