Name of the study: Stakeholders’ views and perceptions regarding circular economy.

1. **Controller of the study**

   Name: University of Vaasa  
   Address: Wolffintie 34, 65200 Vaasa

2. **Parties and their responsibilities in research collaboration**

   Stakeholder interviews are implemented as a part of EU Horizon STOPP project work package 3. University of Vaasa (UVA) in collaboration with VTT are preparing and implementing the stakeholder interviews.

3. **Director or team responsible for the study**

   As representatives of the task leader University of Vaasa, project manager Erwan Mouazan and project researcher Tiia Vuorinen are responsible of the interviews conducted under STOPP project WP3.

4. **Contact details of the Data Protection Officer**

   Sami Kinnunen  
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5. **Persons processing personal data in the study**

   The processing of personal data is done by a designated group of researchers associated with University of Vaasa and VTT. The right to process data is granted to Erwan Mouazan (UVA), Tiia Vuorinen (UVA), Emma Väre (VTT) and Ella Kärkkäinen (VTT).

6. **Contact person in matters concerning the research data file**

   Name: Erwan Mouazan  
   Address: Wolffintie 34, 65200 Vaasa  
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7. **Name and nature of the research data file, duration of the study**

Name of the study:

☒ One-time research
☐ Monitoring study/longitudinal study

Duration of the study (duration of the processing of personal data): 2.4.2024 – 30.6.2025

8. **Purpose of the processing of personal data**

*The personal data is used in the study to identify and contact the informant. Personal data is not used in the research, and the collected personal data, such as names of the informants and the organisations they represent are anonymised.*

9. **Lawful basis of processing**

The processing of personal data is based on Article 6 or Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6(1) (choose one basis for each purpose of processing):

☒ Consent of the data subject
☐ Compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject
☐ Legal acts:
☐ Performance of a task carried out in the public interest or the exercise of official authority vested in the controller
☐ Scientific or historical research or statistics
☐ Archiving of research materials and cultural heritage materials
☐ Legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party
  description of the legitimate interest:

EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 9 (special categories of personal data):

☐ Consent of the data subject
☐ Archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes

10. **Personal data included in the research data**

*The personal data collected includes the following information:*

- Names of the informants
- Names of the organisations associated with the informants
11. Sources of personal data

The data is collected from informants via interviews that are held in Teams and recorded with Teams.

12. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to third parties

The personal data will not be transferred to third parties or anyone outside the designated group of researchers.

13. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to countries outside the EU or European Economic Area

The personal data collected via the interviews will not be transferred to other countries inside nor outside of the EU or European Economic Area.

14. Automated decisions

No automated decisions are made.

15. Safeguards to protect the personal data

☒ The data is confidential

Protection of manual material:

Personal data processed in IT systems:
☒ Username ☒ Password ☐ Logging ☐ Access control
☐ other, please specify:

Processing of direct identifiers:
☒ Direct identifiers will be removed in the analysis phase
☐ The material to be analysed includes direct identifiers. Reason: (reason for the retention of direct identifiers)

16. Processing of personal data after the completion of the study
The research material will be deleted ☐
The research data file will be archived ☒ without identifiers ☐ with identifiers

Where will the material be archived, and for how long:

The data collected by interviews will be stored from the time they are taken or recorded 10 years or until the informant withdraws their consent. The collected data will not be stored for more than 10 years. Any personal data will be deleted as possible, but at latest after 2 years from collecting the data.

17. Rights of the data subject and their restrictions

Data subjects have the right to withdraw their consent provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent.

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman’s Office if they think their personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Derogation from the rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation in scientific research is possible subject to the following safeguards:
1. The processing of personal data is based on a research plan.
2. A person or team responsible for the study has been appointed.
3. The personal data will only be used and disclosed for purposes of historical or scientific research or other compatible purposes. Data relating to any specific individual will not be disclosed to third parties.
4. If the study includes processing of personal data referred to in Article 9(1) (special categories of personal data) and Article 10 (personal data related to criminal convictions and offences) of the Data Protection Regulation, in addition to complying with sections 1–3 above, a data protection impact assessment under Article 35 of the Data Protection Regulation must be made and submitted to the Data Protection Ombudsman’s Office 30 days before the start of the study.

This study will derogate from the following rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation:
☐ Right of access (Article 15).
☐ Right to rectification (Article 16).
☐ Right to erasure (Article 17). The right to erasure shall not apply to scientific or historical research where it is likely to prevent or impede the processing.
☐ Right to restriction of processing (Article 18).
☐ Right to object (Article 21).

The contact person for matters concerning the rights of data subjects is the Data Protection Officer, whose contact information is provided in section 4 of this notice.