



## INFORMATION SHEET BIOSECURE HORIZON Europe FARM2FORK Project

Dear Madame, Dear Sir.

You are invited to serve as an expert in the development of a new biosecurity survey/scoring system for transport vehicles. The development of this survey is a task within the European project BIOSECURE.

The aim of developing such a survey is to be able to quantify biosecurity levels of commercial transport vehicles. This information is lacking at the moment. Moreover, with this information, improvements in disease prevention can be discussed and established.

As an expert, you will be involved in the different steps to establish this new survey. The process goes according to the Biocheck.UGent methodology:

- Evaluate and provide feedback on the first draft of the survey
- Cooperate in online discussions (max. 2) on the content of the surveys
- Provide feedback on a second draft of the survey
- Weight attribution of the subcategories

The finalized survey will become available on the Biocheck <u>website</u>, both online and offline (pdf), where everybody will be able to use it as much as they want free of cost.

All IP of the developed surveys remains with Biocheck.Gent BV.

When multiple people in your organization would be interested in contributing, you can create an expert group and divide the tasks among colleagues. One person should act as a delegate from your organization to be present at the meetings and give informed consent.

Participating in this study is completely voluntary. However, if you agree to act as an expert in this process, we will expect your feedback and weight attributions on specific deadlines, which will be mentioned at least two weeks in advance. This is because the entire process has very strict timing.

We very much value your input and the more input we receive the better the quality and usability of the survey will be.

Your feedback and weight attributions as an expert will be kept confidential for people outside of this project's tasks. If desired, your name as an expert can also be kept anonymously in the reporting.

If you agree to be part of this task, you will be asked to indicate your consent in the accompanied form.

For questions about this project, please contact any of the responsible people whose details are provided below.

We thank you for your collaboration.

## <u>Disclaimer</u>

Your information will be handled in a confidential manner and only used for the purpose of developing this new biosecurity survey.

Your feedback and individual weight attribution score will be made anonymous by Biocheck.Gent BV and safely stored for future reference. It will not be possible to trace scores back to an individual expert. The final scoring of the survey will be a weighted average between the scores of all experts. The Biocheck team has the final decision.

The results from this specific task, and the BIOSECURE consortium by extension, can be found on the BIOSECURE project website <a href="https://biosecure.eu/">https://biosecure.eu/</a> under the tab Dissemination.

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