

# CONSENT FORM

The information listed below is being provided for your voluntary participation in this study. The information obtained will be analyzed with that of other research participants, ensuring the confidentiality of the information obtained during the work. All data and results will be used in the research work entitled "A method for managing requirements changes in software ecosystems".

**OBJECTIVE:** Investigate the use of open innovation and feedback from a large set of users ("crowd") in requirements management activities in software ecosystems (ECOS)

**PROCEDURES:** The participants will be interviewed using the Google Meet tool with questions related to human and social factors in requirements management in software ecosystems.

**VOLUNTEER:** The participating volunteer will be accompanied by at least one researcher, and the researchers can clarify any questions about the research/interview using the contact information available at the end of this document.

**PRIVACY OF PARTICIPANTS:** Researchers ensure confidentiality regarding the information obtained, thus maintaining participants' privacy.

**WITHDRAWAL:** The research volunteer will be free to withdraw from participation at any time, even if the work is in the final phase.

**DISCOMFORTS or RISKS:** The following intellectual and emotional risks may be reported during the interview if the participant notices any of the following conditions and may, at their discretion, immediately interrupt participation: feelings of embarrassment, discomfort, fear, shame, stress, and tiredness.

**REFUND OR COMPENSATION:** there are no personal expenses for participating in this study, nor is there any financial compensation, as the research does not suggest any burden to participants.

**THE RESEARCH:** The researcher will treat your identity with professional standards of confidentiality and integrity. The search results will be available to you when completed. Your name or material indicating participation will not be released without your permission.

I declare that I was informed of the objectives of this work in a clear and detailed manner and that I clarified my doubts. I know that at any time, I can request new information and change my decision to participate if I wish. I declare that I authorize the interview recording to be used for the objectives of this work.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us via email:

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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2. Do you agree with this Consent Form? \*

Mark only one oval.

☐ I agree

☐ I do not agree

## Characterization of Participants

3. Have you ever been (or are you) involved with a software platform/marketplace\* in collaboration with other actors (companies, third-party de' **\*NOTE:** *The software platform/marketplace and all the actors collaborating around it (your company and/or you) will be called the software e unit and interacting with a shared market of software and services, along with the relationships between them" (JANSEN et al., 2009).*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ I don't know

4. Have you ever participated in any project that considered the user feedback from a crowd\* in requirements management activities? \*

**\*NOTE:** *User feedback from a crowd in requirements engineering is called crowd-based requirements engineering (CrowdRE). CrowdRE is a generic term for automated or semi-automated approaches to collecting and analyzing information from a crowd to derive validated user requirements (GROEN et al., 2015). A crowd is a large group of current or potential software product users who interact with each other or with software company representatives (GROEN et al., 2017). CrowdRE benefits users because user feedback from a crowd results in a more functional and reliable product (GROEN et al., 2017).*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ I don't know

5. What is your major educational background? \*

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ PhD  
☐ Master's Degree  
☐ Specialization  
☐ Bachelor's degree  
☐ Technical course

6. What are the main activities related to requirements management\* that you have already performed? \*

**\*NOTE:** *Requirements management encompasses "the set of procedures that support requirements development, including planning, traceability, impact analysis, change management, and other related activities" (HOOD et al., 2007). For example, activities related to (i) requirements changes identification; (ii) version control or requirements traceability; (iii) requirements prioritization, negotiation, or communication.*

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7. How many years of experience do you have working with activities related to requirements management? \*

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