Study Title:  Working as Clinical or Biomedical Engineer in Europe

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Introduction

You are invited to take part in a study. Before you decide, you need to understand why the study is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

(Part 1 tells you the purpose of the study and what will happen to you if you take part. Part 2 gives you more detailed information about the conduct of the study)

Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

PART 1

What is the study about?

This is an on-line survey aiming at comparing essential criteria needed to work as clinical/biomedical engineer in any health facility across EU countries

Do I have to take part?

It is entirely up to you to decide. This study is an online questionnaire/survey, please note that by completing and submitting your responses to the survey you are giving consent for the data provided to be used in the research project. You will be free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason and this will not affect you or your circumstances in any way.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You will be asked to complete an online survey that takes approximately 10 minutes. The questions will regard your professional background and the requirements to work as Clinical or Biomedical Engineer in a Hospital of your country
What are the possible disadvantages, side effects, risks, and/or discomforts of taking part in this study?

No disadvantages, significant side effects, risks, and/or discomforts were registered during previous studies performing similar protocols.

What are the possible benefits of taking part in this study?

Although there are no direct benefits for you, your participation will help harmonizing European requirements for Clinical or Biomedical Engineer in EU

Expenses and payments

Participation in the study will not cost you anything and no payments will be made for the participation.

What will happen when the study ends?

The data collected during this study will be anonymised and analysed using scientific software tools.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

Yes. We will follow strict ethical and legal practice and all information about you will be handled in confidence. Further details are included in Part 2.

What if there is a problem?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm that you might suffer will be addressed. Detailed information is given in Part 2.

This concludes Part 1.

If the information in Part 1 has interested you and you are considering participation, please read the additional information in Part 2 before making any decision.

PART 2

Who is organising and funding the study?
The project is organised and supported by the University of Warwick.

What will happen if I don’t want to carry on being part of the study?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Refusal to participate will not affect you in any way. If you decide to take part in the study, by completing the survey you are giving consent for the data provided to be used in the research project. After submitting your responses, it will not be possible to withdraw, as your answers will be anonymous and it will not be possible to identify your data in a later stage.
What if there is a problem?

This study is covered by the University of Warwick’s insurance and indemnity cover. If you have an issue, please contact the Chief Investigator of the study:

Dr Leandro Pecchia L.Pecchia@warwick.ac.uk

Who should I contact if I wish to make a complaint?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might have suffered will be addressed. Please address your complaint to the person below, who is a senior University of Warwick official entirely independent of this study:

Head of Research Governance
Research & Impact Services
University House
University of Warwick
Coventry
CV4 8UW
Tel: 024 76 522746
Email: researchgovernance@warwick.ac.uk

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

Yes. No identifiable data will be collected by this survey. The anonymised research data will be stored at the University of Warwick for 10 years, on an encrypted zip file on a password protected computer. Only statistical information will be published (e.g. field of expertise, years of experience etc.), so it will not be possible to personally identify you in any publication.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The data resulting from the study will be used to inform the dialogue with European Parliament aiming at harmonizing regulations on free movement of Clinical or Biomedical Engineer in EU

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the University of Warwick’s Biomedical and Scientific Research Ethics Committee (BSREC): REGO-2018-2283-AM01

What if I want more information about the study?

If you have any questions about any aspect of the study, or your participation in it, not answered by this participant information leaflet, please contact:

Leandro Pecchia, L.Pecchia@warwick.ac.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this participant information leaflet.