



EXPLANATION OF RESEARCH

Project Title: Going Dutch?

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Purpose: You have been identified as a key figure concerning policies and practices related to heat decarbonisation in the residential sector in the Netherlands. As a result, you are being invited to take part in a research study, led from the University of Sussex and funded by the UK Energy Research Centre, that is comparing governance arrangements for heat decarbonisation and natural gas phase-out in the UK and the Netherlands and investigating how these arrangements have been shaped by different political and institutional contexts

Activities: During this study, you will be asked by the researchers to participate in an interview to share your perspective about heat decarbonisation in the residential sector in the Netherlands. With your permission, the interview will be audio recorded, but recording is not necessary for you to participate in the study. The purpose of recording is to maintain a record to check the accuracy of the researchers' transcription and perception of the conversation. No audio record will be created or maintained without your prior consent.

Time: The interview is expected to last approximately 1-1.5 hours.

Voluntary: Participation in this study is voluntary. There is no penalty for choosing not to participate or for leaving the interview at any time. We will use the information for this project only and will not distribute data for unspecified purposes. Participants are free to remain silent on any topic.

Confidentiality: We plan to make the results of this study public, but we will not include your name or other information that identifies you. You have also the option to remain identifiable in publication if you choose so.

Identifiable Information: The information that you give us will only be used for this study. We will not share information about you with others or use it in future studies without your consent. There is still a chance that someone could figure out that the information is about you.

Study contacts:

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