

## **Formal obligation for using the Data of XX**

The EBDC Economics & Business Data Center is obligated to the proprietor of the data to ensure the security of the consigned data. Access to the survey data is only granted for research if the scientific purposes are proven and if it is ensured that any form of re-individualization of the anonymised data is impossible

With his/ her signature, the user guarantees the observation of these rules of the EBDC and especially his/her compliance with the following requirements:

### **General requirements:**

1. The data made available by the EBDC are used exclusively for **research purposes**. The user must **not pursue commercial objectives** with the inspection, the analysis or the processing of the data.
2. Users are not allowed to pass on information about participating firms or about the composition of the panels to third parties. **Data security rules** also continue after completion of the research project.

### **Data usage:**

1. The data may only be made available in the rooms and on the computers of the EBDC. Computer access is by **personal controls**.
2. It is **forbidden to re-individualize** anonymised data
3. The user must ensure that other unauthorized persons cannot access the data, the offices or computers. In particular when leaving the workstation, the user must **log off**.
4. Results of the data usage and analysis may only be sent to the user in an aggregated form by the EBDC.
5. The final approval to send within the meaning of article 4 is made by the data proprietor.

### **The consequences arising in case of noncompliance with these obligations are the following:**

- Provision of data by the EBDC will be immediately terminated.
- Data already provided may not be used for present and/or any other research projects and publications.
- Furthermore, the user will be held liable for any proven loss.

**Declaration of the database user:**

Mr./ Ms. .... born on: ..... in:.....  
Address:.....  
Institutional affiliation.....  
E-Mail:.....

I accept the aforementioned obligations..

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Place, date, signature

**If applicable: Declaration of the professor/ chairholder/ supervisor:**

Mr./ Ms. .... born on: ..... in:.....  
Address:.....  
Institutional affiliation.....

I accept the aforementioned obligations..

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Place, date, signature

**Title of the project:**

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**Project period:**

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**Project description:**

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