

**1. Introductory statement:**

This research is being conducted by the TransformDairyNet project which is coordinated by Professor Siobhan Mullan from UCD. The TransformDairyNet project is a thematic network which promotes Cow Calf Contact (CCC) dairy systems. You are invited to participate in this research, thank you for taking the time to take part.

**2. What is this research about?**

This survey is part of the TransformDairyNet project and will gather information and opinions from farmers across Europe on the benefits and challenges of CCC dairy Systems.

**3. Why am I doing this research?**

This research aims to gather opinions and practices about CCC contact across Europe.

**4. How will your data be used?**

The data will be used to develop best practice CCC guides

**5. What will happen if you decide to take part in this research study?**

The knowledge we gather in this survey from cow-calf contact (CCC) farms across Europe shall later feed into best-practice guides for different CCC systems

**6. How will I protect your privacy?**

Your responses and the subsequent data will be anonymous.

**7. What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?**

The knowledge we gather in this survey from cow-calf contact (CCC) farms and others interested in CCC, across Europe shall later feed into best-practice guides for different CCC systems

**8. What are the risks of taking part in this research study?**

Due to the online nature of this survey, there are few risks in taking part of this survey. Your responses and the subsequent data will be anonymous.

**9. Can I change my mind at any stage and withdraw from the study?**

Once you start answering the questions you cannot withdraw your data.

**10. How will I find out what happens with this project?**

Outputs from this research will be available through publications from TransformDairyNet