**Questions for just-recipient stakeholders:**

INTRODUCTION: Hi, my name is [name] from [VUB/TRI/NAIH], and we are a partner in the STAR (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform) project, which has been funded by the European Union, to support data protection authorities’ and data protection officers’ training activities on the data protection reform, especially the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The first stage of the project consists of the scoping and the engagement of stakeholders to capture the necessary requirements for data protection training materials. In later stages, based on the gathered information, training materials will be drafted for each end-user categories. These materials will be tested and validated through pilots. Thus, the project will provide an openly accessible, relevant and timely training material that will address DPOs’ (and DPAs’) immediate needs.

To this end, I have a few questions I would like to ask you. I will probably need about half an hour of your time to go through the questions.

Please answer to the questions as freely as possible, thoroughly and in details.

1. Does your organisation provide some training on the GDPR now? If not, are you or your organisation planning to develop training packages in the future (please describe the proposed structure and main elements of the packages)?
2. Have you ever taken any GDPR training course? If yes, was the course internal or external to your organisation?
3. What was the scope of the training you took? What topics were covered? Did the training session provide an overview of the GDPR or was it focused on a specific aspect of the GDPR?
4. Please describe the training you participated on with special attention to its attributes, such as form of contact (online, face-to-face, etc.), size of groups, length of sessions, length of the whole training, evaluation process, further trainings, etc.
5. What are the three topics you consider most important for such training?
6. If you have attended any GDPR training sessions previously, were there any hand-outs (such as slides, brochures or essays, books, case studies, legal materials, etc.)?
7. If budget were no constraint, what do you think would be the most effective way to provide training (e.g., webinars, videos, workshops, online courses, etc.)? What types of materials would you create?
8. How long do you think training sessions should last (e.g. an hour-long webinar or a half-day workshop)?
9. Are you aware of any organisations offering training on the GDPR? Is it free or does it cost?
10. According to your observations and experience what would you suggest to keep in mind when preparing the STAR training materials?
11. Do you have contacts with DPO associations in other member states? If yes, could you please provide us their contact?
12. Would you be willing to participate in further interviews, should they be necessary?
13. Would you like to suggest someone whom we should interview in particular?
14. As I mentioned at the beginning, the EU is funding the STAR project the aim of which is to develop training materials that DPAs and DPOs can use in providing training to their stakeholders. On what level would DPAs need or could benefit from harmonised training materials, so that the cost of each DPA developing more or less the same material can be avoided?