

INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT

Research project “Sustainable forest management in Finland” – Horizon Europe PRUDENT

Dear participant,

We would like to invite you to take part in a research project. You have the right to be informed about the purpose and features of the project so that you can decide freely and knowingly whether to participate. Please read the following carefully. The research team is available to answer any questions.

What is the purpose of the project?

To better understand how forest owners and forestry professionals make decisions about sustainable forest management and how they assess different public policies aimed at protecting the environment and biodiversity.

How is it carried out?

The research combines digital activities and, for participants in Finland, a hands-on experience in the forest. It includes:

- a short initial questionnaire;
- an incentivised behavioural experiment via smartphone;
- a forest-management exercise using the Marteloscope application on a tablet;
- a short final questionnaire.

Total participation lasts approximately 120 minutes.

Why you?

About 200 forest owners and forestry professionals in Finland will take part. You have been invited because you have experience, knowledge or interests related to forest management.

Are you obliged to take part?

No. Participation is entirely voluntary and refusal entails no negative consequence. You may withdraw at any time without giving reasons. If you withdraw, data already collected will be deleted, unless they have already been processed for the project and you can no longer be identified, even indirectly.

What will you be asked to do?

Complete a short initial questionnaire; take part in an incentivised decision-making game via smartphone; take part in a forest-management exercise on a tablet in a prepared area; complete a short final questionnaire. The activities concern only hypothetical decisions and opinion questionnaires.

Risks and benefits

Participation involves no significant foreseeable risks. Possible inconveniences relate to the time required and, for Finnish participants, to carrying out an activity in the forest. The project brings no direct benefit, but the results will contribute to scientific knowledge about the factors influencing the adoption of sustainable forestry practices. A compensation for the time spent is provided, according to terms communicated before the start.

How will your personal data be processed?

All information on the processing of your data is contained in the Privacy Notice provided under Art. 13 GDPR together with this sheet. In summary: the Data Controller is CMCC; research data are processed in pseudonymised form (via a nickname); no special categories of data are collected; and data are processed exclusively within the EEA, with no transfers to third countries. Your e-mail address is requested only if you consent to being re-contacted.

Other information

The project is carried out under the European project Horizon Europe PRUDENT and has been approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of Milan. A copy of this information sheet will be given to you. For any information you may contact the project's scientific coordinator (Prof. Jacopo Bonan, jacopo.bonan@cmcc.it).

Thank you for your availability.