



**Research project**

*"ECHO - Engaging Citizens in Soil Science: The Road to Healthier Soils"*

**Short description of the research project:**

ECHO is a Research and Innovation Action co-funded by the European Union that aims to engage citizens in protecting and restoring soils by building their skills and enhancing their knowledge on soils. The open call for ECHO Ambassadors is out. ECHO Ambassadors are vital for spreading awareness of soil health and our mission to contribute to improving European soil health in local communities. They will lead ECHO's citizen science efforts and soil sampling in their areas, supported by our team.

**Data protection information pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of EU REGULATION 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter "GDPR")**

Dear Participant,







Thank you for your participation in the abovementioned research project. The present privacy notice applies to the data processing necessary for the recruitment of the ECHO Ambassadors. Your personal data will be processed by the partners of the ECHO project, as listed in section 1 of this privacy notice.

**Questions or concerns?** Reading this privacy notice will help you understand your privacy rights and choices. If you still have any questions or concerns, please contact the project coordinator at [privacy@unibz.it](mailto:privacy@unibz.it).







The following information is provided in accordance with GDPR 2016/679 and the relevant national legislation in force:

	<p><b>1. Joint Data Controllers :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portugal and France: Rec. e Desenvolvimento, Lda.</li> <li>• Spain and Slovenia: Ibercivis Foundation, located in Campus Río Ebro Edificio I+D C, C. de Mariano Esquillor Gómez, s/n, 50018 Zaragoza</li> <li>• Italy, Austria, Switzerland: Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, located in Piazza Università n. 1, 39100 Bolzano, in the person of the President and legal representative pro tempore.</li> <li>• Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria: Perrotis College, M.Antypa 54, 57100 Themi, Thessaloniki, Greece.</li> <li>• Romania, Hungary, Croatia: Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Str. Universitatii, no. 13, 720229, Suceava, ROMANIA, in the person of the Rector - Prof. univ. dr. Mihai DIMIAN, as legal representative</li> <li>• Poland, Czechia, Slovakia: Plantpress Sp. z o.o., Królowej Jadwigi 262a, 30-218 Kraków</li> <li>• Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium: University of Hohenheim, 70594 Stuttgart, Germany, represented by the President Prof. Dr. Stephan Dabbert</li> <li>• Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands: The James Hutton Institute, Invergowrie, Dundee, DD2 5DA, Scotland, UK</li> <li>• Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania: University of Eastern Finland, P.O. Box 111, FI-80101 Joensuu, Finland</li> </ul>
	<p><b>2. Data Protection Officers and contact details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portugal and France: Ana Maria Ventura (<a href="mailto:a.m.ventura@solutopus.pt">a.m.ventura@solutopus.pt</a>); Dr. Ricardo Serrão</li> <li>• Spain and Slovenia: Francisco Sanz, can be contacted at the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:ethics@ibercivis.es">ethics@ibercivis.es</a></li> </ul>



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	<p><b>3. Categories of data processed</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> The collection and/or processing of the following personal data is necessary for the execution of the above-mentioned research project: name, surname, e-mail address, location and country where you would facilitate citizen participation in ECHO's future citizen science initiatives and soil sampling.</p>
	<p><b>4. Purpose of processing</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> The personal data you provide by completing the questionnaire will be processed exclusively for the purposes of the above-mentioned research project and for the following purpose: recruiting ambassadors for the ECHO project.</p>
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>5. Methods of processing</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> Personal data will be processed in accordance with the principles of fairness, lawfulness and transparency, minimization and restriction of data storage, accuracy, integrity and confidentiality, in full compliance with the GDPR and the relevant national legislation and will be carried out in such a way as to ensure their security.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Processing of personal data may be carried out by manual operations and/or by the use of computer and telematic tools, either by persons specifically appointed and authorized to process personal data in accordance with Article 29 of the GDPR, operating under the direct authority of the Joint Data Controllers, who has instructed them to do so, or by subjects qualified as Data Processors in accordance with Article 28 of the GDPR (e.g. cloud providers, ...).</p> <p><b>5.3</b> The processing of personal data for scientific purposes may also be carried out beyond the period of time necessary to achieve the various purposes for which the data were originally collected or processed in accordance with Art. 5.1 (b) GDPR. In any case, all the safeguards set out in Art. 89 of the GDPR and in the <i>"Deontological rules for processing for statistical or scientific research purposes published pursuant to Art. 20, par. 4 of Legislative Decree no. 101 of 10 August 2018"</i> shall be applied to the processing.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> The questionnaire can be filled in as follows: Google form</p> <p><b>5.5</b> The data will be processed making sure that any reference that could be related to a specific person will be minimised.</p>
  	<p><b>6. Data recipients</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Personal data may be communicated with autonomous determination and exclusively for scientific research purposes to the subjects indicated in Art. 100 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 (e.g. project assistants, experts in the field, etc.) who may subsequently process them for the only purposes for which they have been disclosed and always in compliance with all the restrictions set out in the Legislative Decree n. 196/2003 (Art. 97 ff.), in the GDPR (Art. 89) and in the <i>"Deontological rules for</i></p>



	<p><i>processing for statistical or scientific research purposes published pursuant to Art. 20, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree 10 August 2018, no. 101".</i></p> <p><b>6.2</b> Operations of dissemination and communication of data in scientific publications, conferences, seminars, lectures will take place only in anonymous and/or aggregate form and, in any case, in a way that does not make the data subject identifiable.</p>
	<p><b>7. Transfer of personal data to third countries</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> Personal data will be processed by the Joint Data Controllers within the territory of the European Economic Area (EEA). Should it be necessary, for technical and/or operational reasons, to make use of subjects (e.g. suppliers) located outside the European Union, such subjects, if they process personal data on behalf of the Joint Data Controllers, will be appointed as Data Processors in accordance with Art. 28 of the GDPR. The transfer of personal data will be possible within the restrictions and under the conditions referred to in Articles 44 et seq. of the GDPR and therefore only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to countries subject to an adequacy decision by the European Commission (Art. 45 of the GDPR);</li> <li>• to countries located outside the EEA, subject to the signing of the Standard Contractual Clauses adopted/approved by the European Commission in accordance with Art. 46(2)(c) (d) of the GDPR and in any case only in the presence of appropriate safeguards;</li> <li>• towards subjects that have an international organization and have provided for the signing, at group level, of specific Binding Corporate Rules, as referred to in Article 47 GDPR;</li> <li>• when the data subject has given his/her explicit consent, in the performance of a contract or pre-contractual measures for the establishment or defend of legal claims or to protect the vital interests of a data subject or other persons and the data subject is physically or legally incapable of giving consent (Art. 49 GDPR).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>8. Storage</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> The data of selected candidates will be kept for the entire duration of the project thus until December 2027 and then anonymized or irreversibly deleted. Data of candidates who have not been selected will be deleted immediately upon completion of the selection process and no later than December 2027. The data will be stored in a secure repository to which only the joint controllers have access.</p>
	<p><b>9. Provision and source of data</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b> The provision of data is necessary for the execution of the research project and does not derive from a legal obligation. Any refusal to provide the data or any lack of consent to their processing will not lead to any consequences other than the impossibility to participate in the research project.</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Personal data are directly provided by the data subject.</p>
	<p><b>10. Legal basis of processing</b></p> <p><b>10.1.</b> The lawfulness of the processing of personal data is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the consent expressed by the data subject (art. 6, par. 1, lett. a. of the GDPR);</li> <li>• performing a task in the public interest (art. 6, par. 1 lett. e. of the GDPR)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>11. Automated decision-making</b></p> <p><b>11.1.</b> You shall not be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing of the personal data provided by you which produces legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affects you.</p>
	<p><b>12. Rights of the data subject</b></p> <p><b>12.1</b> In your quality of data subject and participant in the research project in question, you have the rights set out in sections 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter III of the GDPR (e.g. you can request from the Joint</p>



Data Controllers the access to your personal data or their rectification and cancellation or restriction of processing as well as the right to object to their processing).

**12.2.** You also have the right to:

- withdraw your consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of the processing based on the consent given before its withdrawal. In this case, no further data concerning you will be collected, without prejudice to the use of any data already collected in order to establish, without altering them, the results of the research or of any data which, originally or after their processing, cannot be traced back to an identified or identifiable person;
- lodge a complaint with the relevant national supervisory authority as well as to exercise the other rights recognised by the applicable legislation (Art. 15 ff. GDPR).

If you wish to exercise your rights or receive further information, please contact the Data Protection Officer of the Coordinator, who can be reached at [privacy@unibz.it](mailto:privacy@unibz.it).

**Having read and understood the privacy policy, I hereby:**

**give my consent**

**deny my consent**