

**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.

**Researchers involved in the research project:**






Principal investigator: Tanja Mimmo



**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 above-mentioned research project conducted by the Faculty of Agricultural, Environmental and Food Sciences (in collaboration with AMBIENTA INGENIERÍA Y SERVICIOS AGRARIOS Y FORESTALES S.L., American Farm School, Faculty of Science of the Universidade de Lisboa and FCiências.ID, Ibercivis, James Hutton Institute, Plantpress Sp. zo.o., ReSoil Foundation, Solutopos, University of Eastern Finland, University of Extremadura, University of Hohenheim, Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, University of Bologna, Quanta System SL. Personal data collected as part of this questionnaire for the selection of Ambassadors will be processed exclusively by unibz researchers).

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

	<p><b>1. Data controller:</b> is the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, located in Piazza Università n. 1, 39100 Bolzano, in the person of the President and legal representative pro tempore.</p>
	<p><b>2. Data protection officer (DPO)</b> of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano is ReNorm Srl and can be contacted at the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:privacy@unibz.it">privacy@unibz.it</a></p>
	<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 provided by you by filling in a questionnaire will be processed exclusively within the framework of the above-mentioned research project at the Faculty of Agricultural, Environmental and Food Sciences of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano under the direction of the principal investigator: Prof. Tanja Mimmo for the following purposes: recruiting ambassadors for the ECHO project.</p>
	<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 Data Controller, 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> <i>If applicable:</i> 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 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 Data Controller 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 Data Controller, 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 periods</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</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 Data Controller 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).</p>
	<p><b>12.2.</b> You also have the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• lodge a complaint with the relevant national supervisory authority (Data Protection Authority, <a href="http://www.garanteprivacy.it">www.garanteprivacy.it</a>) as well as to exercise the other rights recognised by the applicable legislation (Art. 15 ff. GDPR).</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the exercise of these rights, you may contact <a href="mailto:privacy@unibz.it">privacy@unibz.it</a> and send a copy of the request to <a href="mailto:tanja.mimmo@unibz.it">tanja.mimmo@unibz.it</a></p>