DECLARATION OF HONOUR FOR BENEFICIARIES (DoH)

(To be filled out by the applicant and signed by its legal representative directly in the system. If you cannot sign this declaration, please contact us via your Funding & Tenders Portal account.)

I, the undersigned:

for natural persons: in my own name

or

for legal persons[1]: representing the following entity:

[**Agenzia forestale regionale per lo sviluppo del territorio e dell'ambiente della Sardegna - Forestas**]
[Viale Merello n. 86, 09123 Cagliari, Italy]
[03669190922]

hereby confirm

that (subject to the additional declarations below):

1 — The **information** provided for action [**101156076**] **—** [**DRYAD**] is **correct** and **complete**.

2 — The information concerning the legal status in the Participant Register for me/my organisation is correct and complete.

3 — I/my organisation commit to comply[2] with the **eligibility** criteria and all other conditions set out in the call conditions — for the entire duration of the action.

4 — I/my organisation:

- are committed to participate in the action
- have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain the activities throughout the action and to provide any counterpart funding necessary
- have or will have the necessary resources needed to implement the action
- acknowledge to be fully responsible for my affiliated entities which participate in the action
- for research actions: are committed to comply with the highest standards of ethical principles and research integrity and confirm that the work is free of plagiarism

[1] This includes 'entities without legal personality' under Article 197(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ('EU Financial Regulation') (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

[2] 'Commit to comply' means complying now and for the duration of the grant.

- for actions involving EU classified information (EUCI): acknowledge that any sensitive information or material that qualifies as EU classified information under Commission Decision 2015/444[3] must be handled in accordance with specific rules and follow the instructions given by the EU

- for coordinators of multi-beneficiary actions: are committed to act as the coordinator for this action.

5 — For applicants from non-EU countries: I/my organisation

- undertake to comply with the obligations under the agreement and to:

  - respect general principles (including fundamental rights, values and ethical principles, environmental and labour standards, rules on classified information, intellectual property rights, visibility of funding and protection of personal data)

  - for the submission of financial certificates under the agreement: use qualified external auditors which are independent and comply with comparable standards as those set out in EU Directive 2006/43/EC

  - for controls under the agreement: allow for checks, reviews, audits and investigations (including on-the-spot checks, visits and inspections) by the granting authority, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and any persons mandated by them

- and confirm that:

  - we can be subject to the jurisdiction of the Belgian courts.

6 — I/my organisation:

- are NOT subject to an **administrative sanction** (i.e. exclusion or financial penalty decision)[4]

I/my organisation (or persons with unlimited liability for debts):

- are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[5]:

  - **bankrupt**, being wound up, having the affairs administered by the courts, entered into an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures

  - in breach of **social security** or **tax** obligations

I/my organisation (or persons having powers of representation, decision-making or control, beneficial owners or persons who are essential for the award/implementation of the action):

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3 See Commission Decision 2015/544/EU,Euratom of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

4 See Article 136 EU Financial Regulation.

5 See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulationn.

– are NOT in one of the following **exclusion situations**[6]:

  – guilty of grave professional **misconduct**[7]

  – committed fraud, corruption, links to a **criminal** organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking

  – shown significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under an **EU** procurement **contract**, grant agreement, prize, expert contract, or similar

  – guilty of **irregularities** within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95

  – created under a different jurisdiction with the intent to circumvent fiscal, social or other legal obligations in the country of origin (including creation of another entity with this purpose).

7 — I/my organisation are NOT subject to a **conflict of interest** in connection with this grant and will notify — without delay — any situation which could give rise to a conflict of interests.

8 — I/my organisation have NOT and will NOT, neither directly nor indirectly, grant, seek, obtain or accept any advantage in connection with this grant that would constitute an illegal practice or involve **corruption**.

9 — I/my organisation have **not received** any **other EU grant** for this action and will give notice of any future EU grants related to this action AND of any EU operating grant(s)[8] given to my organisation.

10 — I/my organisation are aware that **false declarations** may lead to rejection, suspension, termination or reduction of the grant and to administrative sanctions (i.e. financial penalties and/or exclusion from all future EU procurement contracts, grants, prizes and expert contracts).

and acknowledge

that:

1 — The grant will be signed and managed electronically, through the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Exchange System (accessible via your Funding & Tenders Portal account[9]).

2 — Access and use of this system is subject to the Funding & Tenders Portal Terms & Conditions[10].

6 See Articles 136 and 141 EU Financial Regulation.

7 Professional misconduct includes: violation of ethical standards of the profession, wrongful conduct with impact on professional credibility, false declarations/misrepresentation of information, participation in a cartel or other agreement distorting competition, violation of IPR, attempting to influence decision-making processes or obtain confidential information from public authorities to gain an advantage.

8 See Article 180 EU Financial Regulation.

9 Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/myarea/projects.

10 Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/ftp/tc_en.pdf.

3 — Personal data submitted or otherwise collected by the EU will be subject to the Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement[11].

4 — Payments under the grant are done at consortium-level, through the coordinator, and that payments will be automatically lowered if one of the consortium members has outstanding debts towards the EU (granting authority or other EU bodies). Such debts will be offset in accordance with the conditions set out in the grant agreement.

SIGNATURE
For the applicant
[function/forename/surname]
[electronic signature]
Done in [English] on [electronic time stamp]

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.05.2022	Initial version (new MFF)

[11] Available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/legalnotice.