PRIVACY POLICY

Privacy policy and use of personal data pursuant to the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)

Regulation: https://bit.ly/2s7bupy

ABOUT US

The ForestValue Management Team is in charge of the communication and dissemination activities within the ERA-NET Cofund Action ForestValue and it will be the controller of any personal data processed as described in this Privacy Policy.

The ForestValue data privacy policy complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that took effect on May 25, 2018. Below you will find information on how ForestValue uses information.

The protection of your personal data is an important matter for ForestValue. Therefore, we have taken technical and organisational measures to ensure that data protection regulations are observed both by us and by external service providers.

On our website, personal data are collected and stored only to the extent that it is technically necessary and otherwise only if you are a member of the ForestValue consortium, subscribe to a newsletter mailing list, register for events or news or are involved in research and innovation or evaluation activities of any of the funded projects and submitted proposals under ForestValue.

Your personal data will only be publicly available/visible if you have previously agreed to this. Please note: at all times you may revoke your consent to the use of your personal data. To this end, please send an e-mail to call.office@forestvalue.org with the word UNSUBSCRIBE.

The following privacy policy provides you with a complete overview of how ForestValue guarantees the protection of your data, what kind of data are collected and how they will be used.

WHAT WE COLLECT

We fully respect your right to privacy in relation to your interactions with ForestValue and endeavour to guarantee to be transparent in our dealings with you as to what information we will collect and how we will use your information. Also, we only collect and use personal information where we are legally entitled to do so.
We may collect the following information:

- name and job title
- contact information including email address
- demographic information such as age, sex and education level
- additional information including the nature of any enquiries you may make.

We endeavour that any personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

**WHAT WE DO WITH THE INFORMATION WE GATHER**

*Data for newsletter distribution*
If you subscribe to the ForestValue newsletter mailing list we will store your email address on a cloud environment and/or on a protected client computer at one of our partner institutions. Data records are used to analyse system performance for statistical purposes. To provide you with the latest news via our newsletter we may have to share your personal data with our partners from ForestValue. We will not forward your personal data to any other third parties. You can cancel your subscription to the newsletter at any time on the corresponding webpage.

*Data for event registration*
If you submit personal data to us via a website to register for a ForestValue event this data will be treated as confidential and will only be shared with our partners involved in the organisation and for the sole purpose of the event.

*Queries to ForestValue*
When you send us personal data in this context they will be used solely for correspondence purposes. You consent to forwarding your personal data within ForestValue to facilitate an appropriate response.

*ForestValue publications*
The ForestValue publications may include individual/organizational profiles, project data and consortium data. Your personal data will only be publicly available/visible if you have previously agreed to this. They may also be used for impact assessment studies and quality surveys.

*Data for surveys*
ForestValue may use from time to time external survey software tools. Personal data collected for the sole purpose of surveys will be deleted at the end of the surveys.

*Data of funded projects*
Individual/organizational profiles, project data and consortium data collected from projects funded by ForestValue may be publicly available/visible if you have previously agreed to this.
**Data processing on the ForestValue website**

Data are collected and exchanged during each visit to the website. The ForestValue website automatically collects and stores data transmitted from your browser to our server. This includes:

- the page visited,
- time of the server inquiry,
- client IP address.

ForestValue may analyse data solely for statistical purposes in order to measure the demand for web content. It is not possible to trace this data back to a specific individual. This data is not merged with other data sources. Data collected from visits to the ForestValue website is transmitted to third parties only when required by law or court order or in cases when attacks on the infrastructure of ForestValue make it necessary to forward such data for the purposes of legal action or criminal prosecution. Data will not be transferred for any other reason.

**Security**

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect online.

**Duration of the storage of personal data**

ForestValue will store the personal data for the shortest time compatible with each specific use.

**How we use cookies**

A cookie is a small file which asks permission to be placed on your computer’s hard drive. Once you agree, the file is added and the cookie helps analyse web traffic or lets you know when you visit a particular site. Cookies allow web applications to respond to you as an individual. The web application can tailor its operations to your needs, likes and dislikes by gathering and remembering information about your preferences.

We use traffic log cookies to identify which pages are being used. This helps us analyse data about web page traffic and improve our website in order to tailor it to customer needs. We only use this information for statistical analysis purposes.

Overall, cookies help us provide you with a better website, by enabling us to monitor which pages you find useful and which you do not. A cookie in no way gives us access to your computer or any information about you, other than the data you choose to share with us.

You can choose to accept or decline cookies. Most web browsers automatically accept cookies, but you can usually modify your browser setting to decline cookies if you prefer. This may prevent you from taking full advantage of the website.
**Links to other websites**

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over that other website. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting such sites and such sites are not governed by this privacy statement. You should exercise caution and look at the privacy statement applicable to the website in question.

**CONTROLLING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

As a data subject, you have the following rights:

- the right of access to personal data relating to you;
- the right to correct any mistakes in your personal data;
- the right to ask us to stop contacting you;
- rights in relation to automated decision taking;
- the right to restrict or prevent your personal data being processed;
- the right to have your personal data ported to another data controller;
- the right to erasure; and
- the right to complain to the ForestValue Consortium if you believe we have not handled your personal data in accordance with the Legislation.

**Right to information**

At any time, you have the right to obtain information on the data stored about you, its origin and recipients and the purpose of the storage. If you would like a copy of the information held on you, please write to mika.kallio@forestvalue.org, ForestValue Project Coordinator.

If you believe that any information we are holding on you is incorrect or incomplete, please email us as soon as possible, at the above address. We will promptly correct any information found to be incorrect.

**CHANGES TO POLICY**

This Policy may be updated or changed from time to time at ForestValue's sole discretion. The most recent revisions will appear on this page, therefore you should check this page from time to time to ensure that you are happy with any changes. We will not process your personal data in a manner not contemplated by this Policy without your consent.

This policy is effective from the 3rd of August 2018.