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INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR THE WENDY NETWORK OF INTEREST

Who we are:

We are Q-PLAN INTERNATIONAL and we are contacting you in the framework of WENDY, a project funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. A detailed description on how we handle personal data is presented in the Privacy Policy document that accompanies this Consent Form (and was sent to you by email). Apart from this, Q-PLAN INTERNATIONAL has issued its own Privacy Policy available [here^{\[1\]}](#).

Project: WENDY – *Multicriteria analysis of the technical, environmental and social factors triggering the PIMBY principle for Wind technologies* (GA Number 101084137).

What is the WENDY project all about?

WENDY aims at unravelling the factors triggering social acceptance of wind farms through an in-depth analysis at three dimensions: social sciences and humanities, environmental sciences and technological engineering. For that, the project implements a series of local actions



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promoting the wider adoption of the project solutions, including guidelines, reports and handbooks to boost the understanding of wind farms decision making processes, and enhance energy citizenship. This is supported by the development of the spatial multi-criteria WENDY toolbox: a tool able to identify the optimal turbines' siting with the minimum environmental impact and highest social acceptance likelihood. All developed models, methods, guidelines and tools are validated through 10 wind projects spread across 4 countries. These have been selected considering several parameters, such as geography (north vs. south Europe), maturity stage (viability phase / planning phase / short-term operation phase / long-term operation phase); type of wind energy (onshore / offshore – floating, fixed-); and co-existence with other activities (agriculture, fisheries, energy communities). In these locations, outreach activities tailored to their specificities are performed, creating the “WENDY Knowledge Hubs” which incorporate citizens, local authorities, business owners, and value chain actors of wind energy. WENDY Hubs serve as a baseline for the WENDY Knowledge Exchange Platform, a forum that is developed to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between decision makers and key stakeholders within wind farms planning processes.

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What do we need from you?

You have been invited to take part in the WENDY Network of Interest and the activities associated with it, because you have been identified as a key stakeholder for WENDY.

To effectively conduct this task, we need to process some of your personal data:

- Your contact info (e-mail, telephone number);
- Some basic demographics (e.g., gender, location, age);
- Your professional info (organization, job position, field of expertise);
- Your opinions on the subject matters.

Why do we need your data & what will we do with them?

We need your data to contact you in order to plan and carry out the aforementioned network and its activities and to resolve any ambiguities, questions and other issues that may arise after being designated as a member of it and as a result of the participation in it and its activities.

We would like to learn more about your perceptions and beliefs around wind energy. Your contribution and feedback will help us to organise the Network of Interest (NoI) and involve you in it. The WENDY Network



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of Interest was set up and operates as a liaison structure for stakeholders and experts to share their knowledge and expertise with the WENDY project in key deployment stages, through processes related to validation, networking and knowledge exchange. The role of the Nol in the context of the project may be summed up as follows:

- Populate the WENDY Knowledge Exchange Platform and contribute to its various components, such as: the Repository of knowledge; the Atlas of Wind Farms; the Virtual Forum that.**
- Participate in “Thematic Groups” in several topics about wind farms.**
- Project Validation activities that will be done through the “Knowledge Hubs” covering key topics.**
- Networking activities.**
- Mentoring activities that will include participation in a peer-to-peer mentoring programme.**
- WENDY dissemination activities to boost the spreading of the project’s impact as well as to support the replication of WENDY concept and knowledge outcomes.**
- Events organized in the frame of Nol, where pictures/videos may be taken as evidence of any activity itself and as possible promotional material for the WENDY project.**

We also need to record your data to keep track of the implementation process of the Network of Interest.

The project’s deliverables that will be linked with the activities and outcomes of the Network of Interest will not include any personal data or any other information that could identify you.

We may share your data with a few other WENDY project partners that are also involved in the activities of the Network of Interest, and will



participate in the drafting of the relevant deliverables. We are also obliged to grant access to your data to:

- **EU officials such as our Project Officer for purposes related to project's evaluation;**
- **EU agencies and other authorities for project's auditing purposes.**

We would also be very happy if you gave us your consent to contact you in the future to ask you to participate in other project's activities (e.g. surveys, interviews, etc.) and also to inform you about the project's progress (e.g. by sending you a newsletter or similar messages).

Furthermore, as we consider you to be a key stakeholder in the field of wind energy, and energy stewardship social acceptance of wind energy farms, we would like to form a stronger bond with you, so we ask for your consent to contact you for participating in similar projects that we may undertake in the future.

[How can you withdraw your consent?](#)

You should know that you can withdraw your consent at any time by communicating either on the phone or by email with the responsible persons listed in the previous page. With regards to the informational messages and newsletters you can always opt out by simply clicking the link "Unsubscribe" or something similar included at the end of all the relevant messages.

