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SMURF Project – Privacy Notice for Public consultation SMURF Carbon Standard

1. What is this form about?

The **SMURF Carbon Standard** has been developed within the SMURF project ("Sustainable Management models and valUe chains for small Forests"), funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe programme, Grant Agreement No. 101135516, to support high-integrity carbon removal activities through Afforestation, Reforestation and Revegetation (ARR) and Improved Forest Management (IFM) projects.

The Standard aims to align with the EU Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF) and its QU.A.L.ITY criteria, as well as relevant ISO standards, the ICVCM Core Carbon Principles, and IPCC guidance. To ensure transparency and robustness, the Standard is submitted for **public stakeholder consultation** through this form, to gather feedback on its technical design, alignment with CRCF requirements, practical feasibility (particularly for small forest owners, project developers and certification bodies), and to identify risks, gaps and areas for improvement. Feedback received will be reviewed and may inform revisions to the Standard.

Participation is entirely **voluntary**. All fields are optional except those strictly necessary to process your submission (see Section 3). You may skip any question or withdraw at any point before submitting the form without any consequence.

2. Who is responsible for your data? (Data Controller)

Fundación Cesefor, project coordinator of SMURF, is the entity responsible (Data Controller) for the personal data collected through this form, in its role as leader of the SMURF Carbon Standard consultation.

Contact for data protection questions related to this consultation (**Data Protection Officer / PDO for Cesefor**): **info@smurfproject.eu**.

Central contact for the whole project (**Data Protection Coordinator, Cesefor**): **info@smurfproject.eu**.

3. What personal data do we collect?

Only the minimum data necessary for the purpose of this consultation:

- Name and organisation/affiliation *(optional, see consent box below)*
- Country / geographical location
- Contact email

- Professional role and domain of expertise (e.g. carbon markets, forestry, standard-setting, forest ownership)
- Your feedback and opinions on the draft SMURF Carbon Standard (methodology, additionality criteria, monitoring requirements, etc.)

4. Why do we process your data? (Legal basis)

Your personal data are processed on the basis of your **consent** (Article 6.1.a GDPR), which you give by ticking the consent box before submitting the form.

5. Who will have access to your data?

- Fundación Cesefor, as the entity coordinating the SMURF Carbon Standard consultation.
- Other SMURF partners involved in the technical revision of the Standard, only in anonymised or aggregated form, for reporting purposes.
- The European Commission / Research Executive Agency (REA), for project monitoring, where required.

Your data will **not** be sold, used for commercial purposes, or shared with any third party outside the SMURF consortium without your consent, except where required by law.

Submissions and comments are treated as **confidential by default**. Your responses may be made public **only if you provide your consent** for this in the form.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Personal data will be kept only for as long as necessary for the purposes of the project and, in any case, no longer than **5 years after the end of the SMURF project** (project end: 31 December 2027), in line with the project's Data Management Plan. After this period, data will be deleted or fully anonymised.

7. Where is your data stored?

Data is stored securely on the project' insert storage system with access restricted to authorised project personnel, and backed up following the project's internal security procedures.

8. Your rights

Under the GDPR, you have the right to:

- Access the personal data we hold about you
- Request correction or deletion of your data
- Restrict or object to the processing

- Withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal
- Request portability of your data, where technically feasible
- Lodge a complaint with your national Data Protection Authority

To exercise these rights, contact **info@smurfproject.eu**.