

Information about taking part in the A-DVICE project

Purpose of the project

You are invited to participate in the A-DVICE project. The projects' main purpose is to provide advice for policy development to implement, mainstream and upscale the use of nature-based solutions in the Nordics. It is a project financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers and is part of their programme on nature-based solutions.

The aim is to provide applicable advice and suggestions for policy development related to nature-based solutions. Policies include for example regulations, guidelines, financing schemes, incentives or information that promotes planning, implementation, maintenance and monitoring of these solutions at national, regional and local level. We will also collect examples and learning points from across the Nordic region.

The policy advice will be based on consultations and inputs from key stakeholders and relevant actors working in different sectors in the respective countries or regions. We will ask for your perspectives on gaps and barriers, enablers and success stories, as well as potentials for synergies and policy development. We will additionally build on knowledge from previous projects and arrange workshops. The collected data will be part of the results that are presented in a user-friendly handbook for decision-makers and a project report.

Which institution is responsible for the research project?

NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research) is responsible for the project (data controller). The project partners Norion Consult (Denmark), VTT (Finland), Ensucon AB (Sweden) and the University of Iceland are responsible for collecting data and contacting stakeholders in their respective country/region (joint data controllers).

Why are you being asked to participate?

Participants are recruited based on contacts, experience or recommendations to identify key actors with experience and knowledge about policies and nature-based solutions in their sector/field/region.

What does participation involve for you?

If you choose to take part in the project, you will be asked to participate in an online workshop via Teams (or a similar platform). In the workshop, participants will be asked for their inputs and perspectives on different findings and questions in the project. The data will be recorded by taking notes and recording the workshop (the recording is for internal purposes and will not be shared outside the project team).

Participation is voluntary

Participation in the project is voluntary. If you chose to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving a reason. All information about you will then be made anonymous. There will be no negative consequences for you if you chose not to participate or later decide to withdraw.

Your personal privacy – how we will store and use your personal data

We will only use your personal data for the purpose(s) specified here and we will process your personal data in accordance with data protection legislation (the GDPR).

The personal data will be stored and accessible only by the partner institution who was responsible for conducting the interview. Your name and contact details will be anonymised, while information about country, position and institution will be shared with the project partners. Any information provided in workshops, interviews or other project activities will be anonymised, so you are not recognisable in the published material.

What will happen to your personal data at the end of the research project?

The planned end date of the project is 30. November 2024. Any personal data will be deleted at the end of the project.

Your rights

So long as you can be identified in the collected data, you have the right to:

- access the personal data that is being processed about you
- request that your personal data is deleted
- request that incorrect personal data about you is corrected/rectified
- receive a copy of your personal data (data portability), and
- send a complaint to the Norwegian Data Protection Authority regarding the processing of your personal data

What gives us the right to process your personal data?

We will process your personal data based on your consent.

Where can I find out more?

If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, contact:

- The Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) via Caroline Enge.
- NORION Consult via Rikke Fischer-Bogason

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the A-DVICE project,
Caroline Enge, project leader.