

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DATA FILE  
PRIVACY NOTICE  
EU General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679),  
Articles 13 and 14  
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## 1. Controller of the study

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## 2. Parties and their responsibilities in research collaboration

### Project partners

Seinäjoen University of Applied Sciences  
Centria University of Applied Sciences

### Funding partners

EU - European regional development fund ERDF & ESF (2021-2027) through the Regional Councils of Ostrobothnia, Central Ostrobothnia, and South Ostrobothnia  
Wärtsilä  
Stormossen  
PK Biogas  
Kokkolan kaupunki  
Kannuksen kaupunki  
Kaustinen sub-region

## 3. Director or team responsible for the study

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## 4. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

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## 5. Persons processing personal data in the study.

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## 6. Contact person in matters concerning the research data file.

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## 7. Name and nature of the research data file, duration of the study.

DigiBiogasHubs – Flexible and scalable biogas business through digitally connected biogas Hubs

☒ One-time research

☐ Monitoring study/longitudinal study

Duration of the project: December 2023 - November 2025

Personal data will be retained for a period of 5 years after the project's completion to allow for analysis and publication of results.

## 8. Purpose of the processing of personal data

The data collected will be used solely for research purposes to enhance the biogas industry and its relevant ecosystem.

## 9. Lawful basis of processing

The processing of personal data is based on Article 6 or Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6(1):

☒ Performance of a task carried out in the public interest, or the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

☒ Scientific or historical research or statistics

☐ Archiving of research materials and cultural heritage materials

☐ Legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party.  
 description of the legitimate interest:

EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 9):

☐ Consent of the data subject

☐ Archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes

## 10. Personal data included in the research data.

Recordings including voice and face, name, e-mail address, position/job title.

## 11. Sources of personal data

Data is collected directly from the persons through Audio/Video interviews and interactive workshops and conferences.

## 12. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to third parties.

Personal data will not be transferred or disclosed to recipients outside the research group.

## 13. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to countries outside the EU or European Economic Area

Personal data will not be transferred outside the EU or EEA.

## 14. Automated decisions

Automated decisions are not made in the processing.

## 15. Safeguards to protect the personal data.

☒ The data is confidential.

Protection of manual material: There will not be manual material including personal data.

Personal data processed in IT systems:

☒ Username ☒ Password ☐ Logging ☒ Access control

☐ other, please specify:

Processing of direct identifiers:

☒ Direct identifiers will be removed in the analysis phase.

☐ The material to be analysed includes direct identifiers. Reason: (reason for the retention of direct identifiers)

## 16. Processing of personal data after the completion of the study

☐ The research material will be deleted.

☒ The research data file will be archived.

Personal data will be archived at University of Vaasa for 5 years after the project's completion to allow its use for scientific research work in the future.

## 17. Rights of the data subject and their restrictions

Data subjects have the right to withdraw their consent provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent.

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office if they think their personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Derogation from the rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation in scientific research is possible subject to the following safeguards:

1. The processing of personal data is based on a research plan.
2. A person or team responsible for the study has been appointed.
3. The personal data will only be used and disclosed for purposes of historical or scientific research or other compatible purposes. Data relating to any specific individual will not be disclosed to third parties.
4. If the study includes processing of personal data referred to in Article 9(1) (special categories of personal data) and Article 10 (personal data related to criminal convictions and offences) of the Data Protection Regulation, in addition to complying with sections 1–3 above, a data protection impact assessment under Article 35 of the Data Protection Regulation must be made and submitted to the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office 30 days before the start of the study.

This study will derogate from the following rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation:

- ☐ Right of access (Article 15).
- ☐ Right to rectification (Article 16).
- ☐ Right to erasure (Article 17). The right to erasure shall not apply to scientific or historical research where it is likely to prevent or impede the processing.
- ☐ Right to restriction of processing (Article 18).
- ☐ Right to object (Article 21).

The contact person for matters concerning the rights of data subjects is the Data Protection Officer, whose contact information is provided in section 4 of this notice.