



LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature

Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme Expression of Interest

Privacy Statement

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for weather forecasting and for built and natural heritage.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature, specifically an Expression of Interest (Eoi) to its Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme; how that information will be used; and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Categories of personal data

The Department processes the following personal data in respect of the LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme once the data subject has expressed an interest in participating in this programme:

- Name, address (including Eircode of your primary residence), telephone number and email address.
- The relevant folio number(s) as proof of ownership of the forested land that you are interested in participating in the programme.

Source of the personal data

Personal data relating to the individual applicants is provided by the individual as a part of the process of applying to participate in the LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme. The folio number(s) supplied by the applicant will be used to access data

from Tailte Éireann to consider its extent and location, in order to assist in the assessment of its suitability for acceptance to the Pilot Programme. We do not collect your personal data from anywhere else.

Purposes of the processing

The Department will use the information provided to administer applications to the LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme, consider interest in relevant areas and its feasibility, and as assessment criteria in deciding whether a contract offer is suitable. The administration of the programme will involve recording responses to the Eol invitation and contacting applicants in relation to their application. After due consideration as to the level of interest in relevant areas along with budget constraints, an assessment based on the land's location and extent will be used to prioritise and select appropriate applications to participate in the pilot programme. In the event that a contract offer is made, this and further data may be requested but this will be treated separately. Some of the data we collect will be used as a part of the requirements for the Department to report on the progress and outcomes of the programme to the government and the EU, to report in line with Birds and Habitats Directive legislation, and for further research, including with academic institutions. Where possible this will be anonymised and aggregated. Furthermore, your personal data, including any future payment data, will be retained to meet internal, Tax Commissioner and EU audit requirements.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of the LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

Lawfulness of processing

The legal bases for the processing of this Eol data as a part of the LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature Forest to Bog Restoration Pilot Programme is under the following articles of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018:

- GDPR Article 6(1)(b), “processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract”.

In relation specifically to the processing of Tailte Éireann data acquired through the folio number(s) provided by the data subject, this is under the following article of the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018:

- GDPR Article 6(1)(e), “processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller”.

The task referred to above is outlined in the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, Regulations 24 and 26.

The data will be processed by LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature under Regulation (EU) No 1293/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE) and in accordance with the condition(s) therein.

Furthermore, LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature will aim to provide a template for the mechanisms and processes to lead to eventual full implementation of the Prioritised Action Framework published in November 2014 (PAF14). This has its legal basis under Article 8 (1) of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (the Habitats Directive). This has been most recently transposed into national law in The European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department’s Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

At this EoI stage, the data will be processed solely by the Department and its contracted parties for the purposes of this particular Pilot Programme.

It may also be exchanged with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer the personal data collected in respect of the LIFE-IP Wild Atlantic Nature programme to any country outside of the EU/EEA except as required for the delivery of the programme and governed by contractual clauses in accordance with GDPR.

How long will your data be kept?

The Department will only retain your data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and is required by law to satisfy the provisions of the National Archives Act, 1986 and Data Protection Act, 2018.

Your rights

The Department's [Data Protection Policy](https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/5d22d-data-protection-policy/) (available to view at <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/5d22d-data-protection-policy/>), which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request. If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commission (www.dataprotection.ie), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

If you require further information, or wish to access your personal data, please contact the Department's **Data Protection Officer**, details below:

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Date: _____