

Are you interested in taking part in the research project?

“Exploring risk ownership linked to transboundary climate risks affecting the Nordic countries”

Purpose of the project

You are invited to participate in a survey for a research project where the purpose is to analyse the distribution of risk ownership - who is affected, who is responsible for, and who has the capacity to address the risk - for various forms of cross-border climate risks that may affect the Nordic countries. The survey is thought for informants representing municipalities, county councils, and relevant industries. It contains questions about the type of risk the informants are concerned with, how they think the risk will take shape, and their point of view on risk ownership.

Which institution is responsible for the research project?

Vestlandsforskning (Western Norway Research Institute) is responsible for the project (data controller) and will cooperate with University of Helsinki and Stockholm Environment Institute. This had been defined by an internal agreement. All parties are jointly responsible for processing the collected data.

Why are you being asked to participate?

You have been selected based on our own network of contacts gained through previous projects two previous Nordic Council of Ministers projects: "Nordic perspectives on transboundary impacts of climate change" (from 2022) and "Comparative analysis of the adaptation policy landscape in the Nordic region" (2023), and through contact information available on the webpage of relevant organizations. We aim to send this survey to about 100 people in the three countries.

What does participation involve for you?

Taking part of this project involves that you fill in an online survey. It will take approx. 45 minutes. The survey includes questions about societal, economy and environmental vulnerabilities in the Nordic countries related to cross-border climate risk. Your answers will be recorded electronically.

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 contact details for the purpose(s) specified here and we will process your personal data in accordance with data protection legislation (the GDPR). This will be in hands of the three research institutions that oversee the project. All contact details will not be public, and no participant will be recognizable in consequent reports or publications.

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

The planned end date of the project is 31 December 2024, after which all contact detail used for the survey will be erased.

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.

Based on an agreement with Vestlandsforskning, The Data Protection Services of Sikt – Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research has assessed that the processing of personal data in this project meets requirements in data protection legislation.

Where can I find out more?

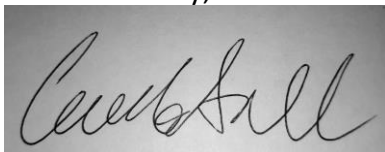
If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, contact the following researchers at Vestlandsforskning as it is the institution that will serve as an intermediary.

- Main leading researcher: Carlo Aall, caa@vestforsk.no.
- Data Protection Officer: Anna Maria Urbaniak-Brekke, amb@vestforsk.no

If you have questions about how data protection has been assessed in this project by Sikt, contact:

- email: (personverntjenester@sikt.no) or by telephone: +47 73 98 40 40.

Yours sincerely,



Consent form

I have received and understood information about the project “Exploring risk ownership linked to transboundary climate risks affecting the Nordic countries” and have been given the opportunity to ask questions. I give consent:

- to participate in the addressed survey

I give consent for my personal data to be processed until the end of the project.

(Signed by participant, date)