

## **INFORMATION SHEET PROVISION FOR PARTICIPANTS RELATED TO RENEWABLE ENERGY LANDSCAPES**

### **Planning and Engagement Arenas for Renewable Energy Landscapes**

#### **H2020-MSCA-RISE-2017-778039-PEARLS**

##### **What is the Project about?**

Renewable Energy Landscapes are recognised as spaces where the use of renewable power sources transforms people's relationships with energy and their perception of the landscape. Whilst the social benefits of REL are widely acknowledged across Europe, in Southern European countries and Israel there is still insufficient knowledge to garner strong social support.

The PEARLS project is focus on the wealth of renewable energy sources in these countries and on attaining the deeper involvement of citizens with REL. This project transforms the extent and depth of scientific knowledge on how to best implement REL across Europe and extend these landscapes to other Mediterranean territories that form part of the participant countries' networks.

##### **Who in undertaking the project?**

The PEARLS consortium consists of thirteen academic and non-academic entities in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece and Israel, as well as three more bodies from Spain, the United Kingdom and Italy that will provide support as an Advisory Board. All the participating organisations have been selected for their diverse, complementary experience and expertise in planning and public engagement in renewable energy in Southern European countries and Israel. All enjoy high international profiles in the Mediterranean Basin and have a proven ability to 'go the extra mile'.

##### **Why have I been approached?**

You have been approached because you are in relation with renewable energy landscapes.

##### **Do I have to take part?**

No. It's completely up to you and your child/children or teenager to decide whether to take part or not.

If you decide to take part, you will be invited to take part in PEARLS project activities organized by the PEARLS Consortium in your country.

##### **Will my data be confidential?**

The information provides by you is confidential. Neither you will be disadvantaged in any way if you choose not to take part. All material (electronic or paper) collected for this project will be stored securely at the University of Seville – European Social Research Lab and only the researchers will have access to this:

- Audio and visual recordings will be transferred immediately and stored on a secure encrypted device. Audio recordings will be transcribed and then deleted when the work will be finish. Visual recordings will be archived until 31/12/2018 and then deleted.
- Paper copies of anonymised interview transcripts will be stored in a locked cabinet separate from any personal identifying details.
- Any personal identifying details will be deleted when the work will be finish.

- All files (audio, video and text) on the computer will be encrypted and the computer itself password protected. Extracts of visual and text files will be archived until 31/12/2018 and then deleted.
- The typed version of any group discussions or interviews will be made anonymous by removing any identifying information including your name.
- You will be asked for your permission i) if researchers take photographs or video; ii) if we wish to archive the images and include these in reports or presentations. You may request that images of you are deleted.

**What will happen to the results?**

Results will be presented at project events which all participants and local and national policymakers are invited. Results will be presented also as publications in scientific or open journals, books and conferences. And in the project website Other News section.

**Are there any benefits from taking part?**

Whilst there are no direct benefits from taking part, participating in this project gives those involved the opportunity to share their experiences in a safe environment and influence local and national practice and policy concerning renewable energy landscapes. Also, talking about and sharing experiences as other people are doing in other participant countries can potentially be interesting.

**Who has reviewed the project?**

This project has been approved by the University Research Ethics Committee at University of Seville, Spain, and follows European Commission guidance on ethics in research.

**Where can I obtain further information about the Project if I need it?**

If you have any questions about the PEARLS project, please contact the Project Coordinator (or local PEARLS participant):

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**Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.**