



Information for research participants

You are participating in a joint study by the University of Oulu, Western Norway Research Institute (Vestlandsforskning, Norway), the University of Iceland and the University of Aarhus *entitled Land use justice for green transitions (JUSTGREEN)*. This notice describes how your personal data is processed in the research part of the University of Oulu.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You will not be subject to any negative consequences if you do not participate in the research or if you discontinue your participation in the research. If you decide to withdraw from the study, any data collected up to that point will be deleted. For more information on your rights and how you can affect the processing of your personal data, please see section 17 of this notice.

1. Data Controller

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Contact person in matters concerning the project:
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2. Description of the research project and purpose of processing personal data

The data will be used for the joint Nordic research project Land use justice for green transitions (JUSTGREEN) by the *University of Oulu, Western Norway Research Institute (Vestlandsforskning, Norway), the University of Iceland and Aarhus University*. In addition to the project, the data will also be used in a master's thesis study carried out by Vilma-Tuulia Piirainen from the University of Oulu.

At the time of this study, the "green transition" is already underway, i.e. the use of oil and other fossil fuels as energy sources is gradually being phased out. In the University of Oulu's part of the JUSTGREEN research project, we aim to understand what changes in land use are related to the green transition in practice in Central Ostrobothnia and whether these changes have felt fair at the local level. In the Kaustinen, Kruunupyy and Kokkola areas, the biggest change in land use is currently the Keliber lithium project. In addition to the actual mining area, the project involves many other types of land use and infrastructure.

Everyone participating in the data collection of the study has the right to appear anonymously, under a pseudonym or under their own name, according to agreement. The data to be collected will be used to seek the views of local people and various actors and decision-makers on what should be done in green transition projects such as Keliber to make them as fair and equitable as possible and compatible with the values of local people.

For the study, data will be collected in connection with workshops, interviews, surveys, participatory observation and public sources.

3. Parties and their responsibilities in research collaboration

The University of Oulu acts as the data controller in this sub-study. Participants may make all requests concerning the rights of the data subject to the following contacts:

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If necessary, the contact person will also forward the request to other organisations acting as joint controllers. For the entire JUSTGREEN project, the contact person is the project manager Halvor Dannevig Western Norway Research Institute (Vestlandsforsk, Norway) hda@vestforsk.no.

The participant may exercise their rights under the General Data Protection Regulation in respect of and against each of the controllers. In this case, the recipient may communicate the request or claim to other joint controllers when necessary.

4. Principal investigator or responsible research group

Project managers of the University of Oulu's JUSTGREEN project:

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5. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

E-mail address of the University of Oulu's Data Protection Officer: dpo@oulu.fi

6. Persons processing personal data in the study

Researchers at the University of Oulu:

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N.N. (Possible new members joining the research group)

7. Name, nature and duration of the study

The Land use justice for green transitions (JUSTGREEN) project, carried out jointly by the University of Oulu, Western Norway Research Institute (Vestlandsforskning, Norway), the University of Iceland and Aarhus University, is a one-time research study that will be carried out in 2024–2028.

Vilma-Tuulia Piirainen's master's thesis will be carried out during the project and is also a one-time research study.

8. Lawful basis of processing

The processing of personal data is based on Article 6(1) of the EU's General Data Protection Regulation: scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

9. Personal data included in the research materials

The research data may contain the following identifying information about the participants: First and last name, date of birth, email address, name of the employer organisation, work address, telephone number, title, home address, photographs, video recording, audio recording, interview notes and survey responses.

10. Sensitive personal data

No sensitive personal data will be processed in the study.

11. Sources of personal data

Regular sources of information are the research subjects themselves and public sources.

12. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to third parties

The disclosure of data to other parties is based on legislation. On the basis of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999), public personal data may be disclosed as public official data, for example, for historical and scientific research and for the compilation of statistics. Personal data will not be disclosed unless there is a legal basis for the processing of personal data.

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

Personal data will not be transferred outside the European Union or the European Economic Area.

14. Automated decision-making

No automated decisions are made.

15. Safeguards to protect personal data

Physical materials are stored in protected and monitored facilities. Information system servers and electronic devices are located in protected and monitored facilities. Data is processed in systems, some of which are located at the University of Oulu and some by contract service providers.

The data stored in this way is protected against inappropriate viewing, alteration, and destruction. The protection is based on access control, personal user IDs, and the restriction of access rights. The rights to view and change the data are limited according to the tasks of the personnel. Information on changes is stored in the change history. The correctness of the data is ensured by the automatic and manual controls of the information systems at different stages of data processing. The indestructibility of the data is ensured by means of backups and physical security procedures. The paper data related to the register is protected by access control and locked archives.

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

The material and the personal data it contains will be stored in the information systems of the University of Oulu for the use of the project. The material will eventually be stored in the Cultural Anthropology Research and Teaching Archive, which is part of the archives of the University of Oulu.

17. Your rights as a data subject, and exceptions to these rights

The contact person in matters concerning the rights of the participant is the person mentioned in section 1 of this notice.

Withdrawing consent (GDPR Article 7)

You have the right to withdraw your consent, provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent. The withdrawal of consent will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

Right of access (GDPR Article 15)

You have the right to obtain information on whether or not personal data concerning you are being processed in the project, as well as the data being processed. You can also request a copy of the personal data undergoing processing.

Right to rectification (GDPR Article 16)

If there are inaccuracies or errors in your personal data undergoing processing, you have the right to request their rectification or supplementation.

Right to erasure (GDPR Article 17)

You have the right to request the erasure of your personal data on the following grounds:

- a) The personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed.
- b) You withdraw the consent on which the processing was based, and there are no other legal grounds for the processing.
- c) You object to the processing (the right to object is described below), and there are no justified grounds for the processing.
- d) The personal data have been unlawfully processed, or
- e) The personal data must be erased to comply with a legal obligation in Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

The right to erasure does not apply if the erasure of data renders impossible or seriously impairs the achievement of the objectives of the processing in scientific research.

Right to restriction of processing (GDPR Article 18)

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data on the following grounds:

- a) You contest the accuracy of the personal data, whereupon the processing will be restricted for a period enabling the University to verify their accuracy.
- b) The processing is unlawful and you oppose the erasure of the personal data, requesting the restriction of their use instead.
- c) The University no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but you need them for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- d) You have objected to processing (see details below) pending verification of whether the legitimate grounds of the controller override those of the data subject.

Right to data portability (GDPR Article 20)

You have the right to request to receive the personal data you have submitted to the University in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit these data to another controller without hindrance from the University, provided that the processing is based on consent or a contract, and the processing is carried out by automated means.

When exercising your right to data portability, you have the right to have your personal data transmitted from one controller to another, where technically feasible.

Right to object (GDPR Article 21)

You have the right to object to processing your personal data, provided that the processing is based on the public interest or legitimate interests. The University will no longer have the right to process your personal data unless it can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject, or unless it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. The University can continue processing your personal data also when necessary for the performance of a task carried out for reasons of the public interest.

Derogating from rights

In certain individual cases, derogations from the rights described above in this section “Your rights as a data subject”, and exceptions to these rights may be made on the basis of the GDPR and the Finnish Data Protection Act, insofar as the rights render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes. The need for derogations will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Right to lodge a complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman’s Office if you think your personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Contact details:

Data Protection Ombudsman’s Office (Tietosuojavaltuutetun toimisto)

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