## **Privacy Policy**

#### 1. Introduction

The Clean Mobility Development Collaborative ("CMDC," "we," "us," or "our") values your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information through responsible data management practices. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard the information you provide through our website and related digital platforms (collectively, the "Website"), and through other interactions with CMDC in the course of our programs, research collaborations, and outreach activities.

By accessing or using our Website, you consent to this Privacy Policy. If you do not agree with our policies and practices, please discontinue your use of the Website.

### 2. Scope

This Policy applies to information collected:

- Through this Website and any affiliated CMDC web pages;
- When you subscribe to newsletters, sign up for programs or events, or communicate with CMDC electronically or in person;
- From partner institutions, public databases, or research collaborators where permitted by law.

It does not apply to information collected by third parties, including external sites linked from CMDC's Website.

#### 3. Information We Collect

a) Information You Provide:

We may collect:

- Identity & Contact Information: Name, organization, title, email address, postal address, phone number, and other identifiers.
- Professional Information: Institution, research focus, or project affiliation when joining collaborative initiatives.
- Communications: Correspondence, feedback, and survey responses.
- Registration Data: Account credentials, if applicable, and participation information for CMDC programs or events.
- Public Contributions: Comments or materials you voluntarily post or upload to public CMDC forums or research exchanges.

### b) Information We Collect Automatically:

We use automated data tools to collect technical, usage, and cookie-related information. You can control or disable cookies in your browser settings, though certain features may

not function properly if disabled.

# c) Information from Third Parties:

We may supplement data with information from public databases, institutional partners, and other lawful sources to enhance collaboration or compliance.

#### 4. How We Use Information

We use your information to:

- Operate, maintain, and improve the Website and related services;
- Communicate with you regarding CMDC initiatives, events, publications, and updates;
- Manage research collaborations and partnership requests;
- Conduct analytics to understand engagement and improve public resources;
- Ensure legal compliance and maintain cybersecurity;
- Protect CMDC's rights, property, and operations;
- Carry out any purpose disclosed when information is collected or otherwise permitted by law.

We do not sell, rent, or trade personal information.

## 5. Information Sharing and Disclosure

We may share information:

- With CMDC Partners: including universities, research institutions, public agencies, and foundations engaged in clean mobility projects;
- With Service Providers: vendors who host our website, maintain databases, or provide analytics, under strict confidentiality agreements;
- As Required by Law: to comply with court orders, regulations, or government requests;
- To Protect Safety: where necessary to protect CMDC, our users, or the public against fraud or harm;
- In Organizational Transitions: if CMDC merges or partners with another organization, your information may be transferred in compliance with law.

### 6. Cookies and Analytics

We use cookies and analytics technologies to recognize visitors, measure functionality, understand engagement, and deliver relevant content. You may refuse cookies through browser settings or opt out of Google Analytics at https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout.

# 7. Data Retention and Security

We implement technical, administrative, and physical safeguards to protect your personal data against unauthorized access, alteration, or disclosure. CMDC retains data only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this Policy or as required by law. If

we become aware of a data breach, we will notify affected individuals and authorities as required under applicable law.

## 8. Your Rights and Choices

Depending on your location, you may have the right to request access, correction, or deletion of your personal data; withdraw consent; request data portability; or opt out of non-essential communications. To exercise these rights, please contact us as described below.

### 9. Children's Privacy

CMDC does not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. If we learn that we have inadvertently collected such data, we will delete it promptly.

### 10. International Users

CMDC operates in the United States and may transfer your information to servers located there. By using our Website, you consent to the transfer, storage, and processing of your information in the United States. We ensure appropriate safeguards consistent with international privacy standards.

# 11. Changes to This Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically. The date at the top of this page reflects the latest revision. If material changes occur, we will post notice on our homepage or notify users via email.

#### 12. Contact Information

For questions, comments, or to exercise your data rights, please contact us:

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