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Subject: Entity sharing in Forest HUB - what it is and why it matters

Dear certification bodies and PEFC certificate holders:

PEFC Portugal hereby clarifies what means sharing entities in Forest HUB and the purpose of the emails that can be send to the various entities involved in this process.

In Forest HUB, each entity is recognized by its VAT identification number. It is through the VAT identification number that the system identifies if the same entity holds or belongs to one or more certificates.

Example: the "Raquel Martinho VAT identification number 123456789" of certificate X is the same "Raquel Martinho VAT identification number 123456789" of certificate Y, and not two different entities.

What is a shared entity?

1. An entity that is involved in more than one certificate.
2. The identification data of each entity are unique data and therefore shared by all certificates and certification bodies associated with that entity.
3. Any change to the entity's identification data is reflected in all certificates it is involved with.

What data is shared?

Field	Includes
Identification	VAT identification number, name, alternative name, type of legal entity, form of representation of the company
Legal representative	Name, title and title
Economic activity	CAE
Public contacts of the entity	Institutional phone, email and website
Addresses	Tax address and other registered addresses, with country, district, county, and parish
Contact persons	Complete list of interlocutors associated with the entity
Notes	Information about the entity

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Practical example

Raquel Martinho (entity) is involved in two certificates:

- Is a **member** of the AML regional FM certificate (managed by the Holder A, issued by the CB C).
- It is a **site** in a multisite CoC certificate (managed by the Holder B, issued by the CB D).

Result: Raquel Martinho's record is shared between **Holder A, Holder B, CB C and CB D**, and any of them can see and update the data (table).

Why we communicate the shares

The PEFC Portugal emails about sharing entities have the aim of **Transparency.** Everyone involved in the certificates knows who has access to the entity's data and is responsible for changing it.

The goal is for Forest HUB to bring robustness to PEFC certification.

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Feel free to contact us for any clarification.
Best regards, PEFC Portugal

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