

EVIDE GOVERNANCE LAB — MUTUAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

NDA Template — EVIDE Governance Lab Research Participation Version 1.2.2 — unsigned template

When this NDA is required: it is optional for participation limited to discussing publicly available information about the Lab. It is required before the Experimental Scope Draft (Governance Lab Procedure, Step 4) if confidential information will be exchanged, and remains a precondition for the Bounded Experiment (Step 6). See lab.certifywebcontent.com/terms for the full procedure.

This Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between:

INFORMATICA IN AZIENDA DI EMANUEL CELANO Via Vaccaro 5, 40132 Bologna (Italy) P.IVA IT02137271207 ("EVIDE Governance Lab")

and

Name: _____ Organization: _____ ("Participant")

1. Purpose

The parties wish to explore potential research, interoperability, testing, validation, governance, evidentiary, or architectural collaboration activities related to the EVIDE Governance Lab and associated experimental projects.

In connection with these discussions, each party may disclose confidential information to the other.

2. Confidential Information

"Confidential Information" includes, but is not limited to:

- research materials
- governance architectures
- experimental protocols
- test payloads
- intake data
- unpublished documentation
- software designs
- technical specifications
- source code
- diagrams
- datasets
- business information

Information may be disclosed in written, electronic, verbal, visual, or any other form.

3. Non-Disclosure Obligation

Each party agrees to keep Confidential Information confidential, not to disclose it to third parties, to use it solely for the Purpose described in this Agreement, and to apply reasonable measures to protect it.

4. Exclusions

Confidential Information does not include information that: is publicly available at the time of disclosure; becomes publicly available without breach of this Agreement; was already lawfully known by the receiving party; is independently developed without use of the disclosed information; or is lawfully obtained from a third party without confidentiality obligations.

5. Ownership

All Confidential Information remains the property of the disclosing party. No license, ownership transfer, intellectual property transfer, partnership, joint venture, or commercial relationship is created by this Agreement.

6. Experimental Nature

The parties acknowledge that discussions may involve experimental, research, prototype, laboratory, governance, evidentiary, or interoperability concepts. Neither party is obligated to continue discussions, participate in testing activities, or enter into any future agreement.

7. Duration

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of the second (later) signature and remains in force for two (2) years. Confidentiality obligations survive for two (2) years following disclosure of the relevant Confidential Information.

8. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Italy. Any dispute arising from this Agreement shall be subject to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Bologna, Italy.

9. Signatures and Execution

This document is provided unsigned; both signature fields below are blank.

Accepted signature methods:

- A qualified electronic signature valid under eIDAS (Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) has, under Article 25(2) eIDAS, the same legal effect as a handwritten signature.
- An advanced electronic signature may also be used. Unlike a qualified signature, it is not automatically equivalent under Article 25 eIDAS; EVIDE verifies it individually before countersigning.
- An electronic signature generated through a documented signing service, including Google eSignature, may also be accepted following case-by-case verification of the signer's identity, email address, document integrity, and audit trail. Such a signature is not treated as a qualified electronic signature or as automatically equivalent to a handwritten signature.
- A handwritten signature is valid when accompanied by the identification procedure below.
- WhatsApp, email, and scanning are accepted only as transmission channels for the methods above; they are not, by themselves, a form of signature.

Handwritten signature — identification: attach a copy of a valid personal ID document. Non-essential fields (photograph, unrelated ID numbers) may be redacted, provided your name and signature remain legible and verifiable. See the Lab's Privacy Notice for how this document is handled.

To execute this Agreement: the Participant signs using one of the methods above and returns the signed PDF via WhatsApp to the number below; EVIDE Governance Lab verifies the returned document; Dott. Emanuel Celano separately applies EVIDE's own signature; the fully completed, countersigned copy is returned to the Participant. This Agreement is executed only once both signatures are present on the same document — before that point, it must not be treated or presented as executed by either party.

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EVIDE Governance Lab

Name: Dott. Emanuel Celano

Organization: Informatica in Azienda

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Participant

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____