

# What are you signing for when you participate?

To participate in Data Safe House, parties must sign the Terms of Use. This is crucial to keep the stored sustainability plans in Data Safe House secure, and for everyone involved to collaborate in a trustworthy manner. What you are signing for and why this is in the interest of all parties is explained in this factsheet.



As an industry participant, you don't want competitors to be able to access your sustainability plans. Grid operators, on their side, want honest information they can rely on, to make the right investment decisions regarding energy infrastructure. The Terms of Use play a crucial role to ensure both demands.

## Why Terms of Use?

Data Safe House is established to enable an independent and confidential exchange of data between industry parties and grid operators.

To legally secure this independence, a foundation (stichting) with accompanying statutes was established by notarial deed. In addition, the Terms of Use guarantee the confidentiality of stored data. By signing the accession agreement these terms are accepted by the participating companies and grid operators.

## What is included in our Terms of Use?

The Terms of Use describe what participants agree to.

The most important rights and obligations include:

- 1 Confidentiality agreements
- 2 Data ownership
- 3 Obligation to provide accurate data
- 4 Decision-making process regarding data disclosure (to whom and for what purpose data is made available to)



*'Since confidentiality is included in the Terms of Use, I don't need to go through our company lawyers in America for every new data request.'*

Jeroen Tap, Global Commercial Director Hydrogen at Dow






## What is the difference with an NDA?

The Terms of Use primarily concern handling data confidentially, similar to a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). However, there are some differences:

Non Disclosure Agreement	Terms of Use
Bilateral	Between the Stichting Data Safe House and all participating parties.
For a specific purpose	Applies to all data disclosures collectively decided by the industry cluster.
For a specific duration	During participation in Data Safe House.
Only includes confidentiality	Covers confidentiality and the way of collaborating.

## What are the benefits for participating parties?

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**Awareness of and responsibility for data confidentiality:** Participating parties are responsible for their internal employees with access to the data on the platform.
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**Assurance of confidentiality:** Any new application of the data requires approval from the data owner.
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**Reduced administrative burden:** No NDA is needed for every new application of the data, as the general terms and conditions mandate confidentiality.

## Join Data Safe House

When you fill out the accession agreement on our website, you automatically sign the Terms of Use.

Here you can review the [Terms of Use](#) beforehand.

Upon registration, you will gain access to our IT platform where you can share your sustainability plans, and to the Data Board of your own industry cluster where you can engage in dialogue with other industry parties and grid operators about the energy needs and infrastructure for the coming years in your cluster.

This way, we accelerate the energy transition. Together, we make the Netherlands more sustainable.

