

GOVERNANCE AND REVIEW POLICY

of

“ METHODOLOGY FOR IMPROVING AND REPORTING THE LEVEL OF SEQUESTERED CARBON IN THE SOIL IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR “

1. Purpose

This Governance and Review Policy sets out the principles, processes, and responsibilities for maintaining and updating the METHODOLOGY FOR IMPROVING AND REPORTING THE LEVEL OF SEQUESTERED CARBON IN THE SOIL IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, owned/developed by AGviser AG.

The aim is to ensure that the methodology remains scientifically robust, transparent, and aligned with best practices in greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

Methodology Owner:

AGviser AG is the sole developer and owner of the methodology. It is responsible for initiating updates, maintaining public documentation, and responding to stakeholder inquiries.

Independent Reviewers:

For each major revision, at least one qualified external expert (e.g. academic, sector specialist, or consultant) will review the methodology. Reviewers must be independent of any project directly using the methodology.

3. Version Control

Each version of the methodology will be assigned a unique identifier (e.g. v1.0, v1.1). A changelog summarizing additions, revisions, and rationale for updates will be maintained.

Past versions will remain accessible on demand.

4. Update Procedure

Revisions may be initiated under the following conditions:

- Significant scientific advancements affecting baseline or quantification approaches
- Changes in relevant standards or regulatory frameworks
- Feedback from stakeholders or project developers

- Internal quality assurance findings

Major updates (those affecting applicability, quantification, or crediting logic) will:

- Be subject to public consultation (see Section 5)
- Require third-party expert review
- Be published with a rationale and update summary

Significant but not major updates (those that do not affect applicability, calculation or crediting logic) are subject to public discussion and will be documented.

Minor updates (editorial or clarifying in nature) may be made without public consultation but will be documented.

5. Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholders (including project developers, researchers, NGOs, and credit buyers) are invited to provide feedback on the methodology at any time via our public contact form.

For major revisions, a formal consultation period of at least 30 days will be announced on our website. A summary of feedback and the response/actions taken will be published following the consultation.

6. Transparency and Public Access

The following materials will be made publicly available on <http://www.agviser.bg>:

- Up to date version of the methodology
- Changelog and update logs
- Consultation reports
- Tools and supporting documents (e.g. monitoring templates)
- This Governance & Review Policy

7. Conflict of Interest

AGviser AG commits to disclosing any actual or perceived conflicts of interest related to methodology development or use. Reviewers and contributors will be required to declare independence from any active project using the methodology.

8. Review Frequency

This policy and the methodology will be reviewed at least once every **two years**, or earlier if triggered by relevant changes in science, practice, or stakeholder input.