



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: EU Science Hub (JRC corporate website)

Data Controller: Joint Research Centre, Communication Unit, JRC.01

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation “EU Science Hub (JRC corporate website) - DPR-EC-18088” undertaken by the Joint Research Centre, Communication Unit, JRC.01, is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: The Joint Research Centre, Communication Unit JRC.01 collects and uses personal information for the management of the EU Science Hub (SH), the main website of European Commission's Joint Research Centre. The EU Science Hub offers various types of content aimed at informing the general public about the work of the JRC, ranging from general information, news, events, background information, official documents, policy information, links to specialised tools and applications. The SH also aims to engage with users.

In particular, the SH publishes “people pages”, i.e. staff (**people that are internal to the organisation**) that wishes to create a person page publishing their name, image, CV etc.

We also publish the list of **people that are external to the organisation** as members of the JRC Board of Governors to inform the public about the board and its composition.

We might publish as well names of the representatives of organisations, self-employed individuals and their collaborators/employees present at meetings with the JRC Director General (transparency).

As website visitor, you can provide anonymous feedback on the visited page(s), report bugs/technical issues, and send spontaneous comments on the content. A feedback form is accessible at the bottom of every webpage of the EU Science Hub. This feedback function does not collect personal data.

Users can contact specific JRC staff through individual or functional mailboxes. Contacting JRC staff through a mailbox will activate web visitor’s email software to send requests and comments to a specific mailbox. When website visitors send such a message, the personal data is only collected by the receiver of the email in order to follow up on the message. Emails may be forwarded to another service if the team responsible for the mailbox is unable to reply.

On the EU Science Hub, website visitors can reach online tools to opt-in to take part in surveys and registering for events. In both cases, specific privacy statements apply for each such opt-in.

For further information on the processing of your personal data when you access a European Commission website, please see also DG COMM record DPR-EC-00083 on “Processing of

personal data on European Commission web sites (within the europa.eu domain), including IP addresses, by visitors of the publicly available websites”.

Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data

We process your personal data, because, according to article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725:

- (a) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body;
- (d) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes.

The Union law for the processing of your personal data under Article 5(1)(a) of said Regulation is the following:

- Recital 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (*"Processing of personal data for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest by the Union institutions and bodies includes the processing of personal data necessary for the management and functioning of those institutions and bodies"*);
- Articles 11 of the Treaty of the European Union (TUE) (*"The institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action. The institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society"*)
- Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (*"In order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible"*);
- Horizon Europe Programme: Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 of 10 May 2021 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Decision 2013/743/EU.

Data subjects give their consent to having their personal data made publicly available in the EU Science Hub for the purpose of communicating on a specific activity, event, achievement and/or contribution to JRC activities in which they were involve. The consent is collected through a consent form.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation the Joint Research Centre, Communication Unit JRC.01 collects the following categories of personal data:

- JRC Board of governors: name, last name, organisation, address of organisation, position in organisation, country.
- JRC staff on person pages: name, last name, (academic/ job) title, function, personal bio and CV, publications, JRC unit, work email address, work phone number, personal picture and any other information the data subject choses it publish.
- JRC staff providing a consent form (PDF) to use personal data on the website.

- JRC senior management as well as staff working in the field of external communication or staff assigned to a particular activity / project / task / event for which communication via the internet is required and other staff if communication on their achievements or contribution to JRC activities includes the publication of their personal data: name, last name, email address (by default it is recommended to use functional mailboxes (FMB) rather than individual email contact.
- Representatives of organisations, self-employed individuals and their collaborators/employees present at meetings with the JRC Director General (transparency): name, last name, organisation.
- Any other person who is related to the JRC work and may therefore be reference in JRC publication and content on the SH.

The provision of personal data is not mandatory, except for the provision of personal data related to the JRC activities and its organisation, which are mandatory for an open and transparent communication of the JRC work and structure.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Joint Research Centre, Communication Unit JRC.01 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for: the duration of the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or until data subject requests deletion. In particular:

- Personal data of the JRC Board of governors: until the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or duration of individuals service as member of board of governors;
- Personal data of the JRC staff on person pages: until the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or duration of service in the JRC or for a maximum duration of 6 years or until data subject requests deletion of personal profile, person page;
- Personal data of JRC senior management as well as staff working in the field of external communication or staff assigned to a particular activity / project / task / event for which communication via the Internet is required and other staff if communication on their achievements or contribution to JRC activities includes the publication of their personal data: until the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or duration of service in the JRC or until data subject requests deletion of personal profile, person page;
- Personal data of the representatives of organisations, self-employed individuals and their collaborators/employees present at meetings with the JRC Director General: until the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or until data subject requests deletion;
- Consent form of JRC Staff (PDF) to use personal data on the website: until the need to communicate and provide the publication of personal data via the Internet or duration of service in the JRC or for a maximum duration of 6 years or until the data subject requests deletion of the data on the website.

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The Commission's contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

In case you gave consented to the publishing of your personal data on the EU Science Hub, this data is accessible to any website visitor.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You have consented to provide your personal data to the JRC for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, JRC-Science-Hub-Editor@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-18088 - EU Science Hub (JRC corporate website)