



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation:** EOSC EU Node community/stakeholder engagement.

**Data Controller:** *European Commission, Directorate-General* for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (also called **Connect**), CNECT.C.1 (hereafter “CNECT.C.1”)

**Data Processor:**

**OpenAIRE AMKE**, Artemidos 6 & Epidaurou 0, 15125, Marousi, Athens, Greece

**Record reference:** DPR-EC-02631

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## 1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protecting your personal data and to respecting 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 of personal data for the “*EOSC EU Node community/stakeholder engagement*” undertaken by CNECT.C.1 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: CNECT.C.1 collects your personal information to manage and organize user and stakeholder engagement activities regarding the operation, features, and services, of the EOSC EU Node. These include assembling a User (end-users) and a Technology (contributors, service providers, EOSC EU Node candidates, stakeholders) Forum, communicating surveys and questionnaires to the Forum members, organizing digital and physical workshops/events for Forum members, selecting and inviting Forum members in ad hoc panels. Participation in the User and Technology Forums is voluntary.

CNECT.C.1 may publish your personal information to facilitate the identification of user groups, thematic user communities, and stakeholders. Your individual contributions in the user and stakeholder engagement activities may be published in public communication material with your explicit consent.

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

Lawfulness of the processing operation:

CNECT.C.1 collects, stores and publishes your personal data because you gave your explicit consent by requesting to participate in the User and/or Technology Forum in the respective section of the EOSC EU Node. Your consent is recorded in the EOSC EU Node and can be retracted by informing the EOSC EU Node Helpdesk at any time (Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation 2018/1725).

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



The personal data necessarily collected in your capacity as a member of the User and/or Technology Forums are:

- title,
- name,
- surname,
- position,
- e-mail addresses,

You provided these personal data on a voluntary basis, by filling out and submitting the User and Technology application form.

#### **5. How long do we keep your personal data?**

All personal data will be deleted from databases 5 years after you filled in the application for becoming a member of the User and/or Technology Forum.

#### **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 Commission or of its processors. 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?**

All personal data provided by you can be accessed by Commission staff on a "need to know" basis.

#### **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, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to



restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You have consented to provide your personal data to Unit CNECT.C.1 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying Unit CNECT.C.1 . 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, [CNECT-C1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:CNECT-C1@ec.europa.eu)

### **- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](mailto: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 legacy notification reference: DPR-EC-02631 "*Management of contact points for, and endorsement of, DG CONNECT programmes, projects and policies*".