



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

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1. Introduction

The European 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 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of a Seminar on combating hate speech in Europe, organised by the European Commission. It explains 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 the processing of personal data linked to meetings and events, organised by the European Commission DG JUST, is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: the European Commission DG JUST collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the specific event (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that meeting or event.

During the event, participants may be asked to participate in polls or quizzes, or to give ideas or ask questions to the organisers. Personal data will be collected through the polling tool Sli.do, which is covered by the Record [DPR-EC-06687.1](#).

This information would be collected anonymously, and the processing of personal data is only to ensure that participants have answered once to the question posed and to recuperate the session should there be technical issues.

Your personal data will **not** be used for any automated decision-making including profiling.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience.

The specific privacy statement will explain how data subjects can object to processing (e.g. by sitting in back rows which are not photographed, by wearing special badges, by attending the event in a separate room).

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

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the meeting or event (including photos) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are, Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Consequently, those processing operations are lawful under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (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).

The processing operations on personal data of the speakers for the meeting or event with whom a contract is concluded, are carried out in line with the contractual provisions. Consequently, that processing is necessary and lawful under Article 5(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering a contract).

For meetings with external participants (which are **not** comitology or expert (group) meetings nor other working meetings of Commission staff with the staff of other EU institutions and bodies and Member States), the controller should obtain consent for the processing operations indicated below.

Your consent is required for the following action during the event:

- Registering to and managing your subscription to this event;

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box(es) on the online registration form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time. For withdrawing consent that you have provided to benefit from other services, please contact the controller of the event at JUST-C2@ec.europa.eu

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

The following personal data may be processed in the context of the meeting or event:

- contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, telephone number);
- nationality, passport or identity card number and its date of issue and expiry date may be collected, so that the data subjects may obtain access to the premises where the event is held;
- dietary requests (if any) or specific access requirements.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that may be processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- Personal data related to the organisation and management of the meeting or event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for **five years** after the meeting or event.
- Sensitive personal data relating to dietary and/or access requirements will be deleted as soon as they are no longer necessary for the purpose for which they have been collected in the framework of the meeting or event, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of the meeting or event.
- Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters or invitations to similar events) are processed in line with the Record of

Processing DPR-EC-03928 (Management of subscriptions to receive information) and the specific privacy statement prepared by the organising Commission service.

- Selected service providers for organisational purposes (such as caterers, travel agents or event management organisations) are contractually bound to process personal data on behalf of and in line with the instructions of the data controller, keep confidential any data they process and protect it from unauthorised access, use and retention.

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 on the servers of the European Commission (*or of its contractors, if contractors are engaged to assist the controller in the organisation and management of a specific meeting or event*). All processing operations are carried out pursuant to [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

To protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. 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.

The Commission's processors (contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processors must put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

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 other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

If the publication of any personal data is foreseen, the privacy statement of the specific meeting or event will explain the extent of the personal data published and the legal basis for it (e.g. consent).

Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user's device (such as a computer, tablet, or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of website <https://www.charter-report-on-civic-space.eu/> (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

When you visit the website of the event and when you register, we will keep the browser history of your visit for a maximum of 3 days. This information will then be deleted. The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. You can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We may use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the meeting/event through widely used communication channels, including the social media. For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing [DPR-EC-00073](#) (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

You may be able to watch our videos, which may be also uploaded to one of our social media pages and follow links from our website to other relevant social media.

To protect your privacy, our use of third party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only if you click on a button or “play” on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

To view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties’ specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

We recommend that users carefully read the relevant privacy policies of the social media tools, such as Sli.do (Record of Processing [DPR-EC-06687](#)) before using them. These explain each company’s policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users’ rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

The use of a third party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. If one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

International transfers

No international data transfers take place outside the EU/EEA.

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, 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 situation.

The European Commission will ensure that the data subjects can exercise their right to object to processing whenever possible by the organisers of the event (for example, on the spot by indicating a non-web streamed seat if requested; or ex-post, by deleting a specific sequence from the online video/voice recording).

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 at JUST-C2@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer at DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu regarding 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 at 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 European 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-1063.