



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation: Management of access rights to MARE fisheries and vessel databases**

**Data Controller: *DG MARE/Directorate C/Unit C4***

**Record reference: *Record DPR-EC-02747***

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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 “*Management of access rights to MARE fisheries and vessel databases* “ undertaken by DG MARE/C4 - Data Management Unit is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: DG MARE/C4 - Data Management Unit collects and uses your personal information to protect the fisheries data exchange systems from unauthorised access to the system facilities, allowing Member States to comply with legal obligations that define the need for such data transfers.

DG MARE processes personal data to control access to different IT systems used to manage fisheries related data, as mandated by EU legislation (DG MARE vessel register, fishing authorisation register (LICENCE), ERS/VMS data base, catch data reporting database).

Personal (contact) data of users has to be processed in order to authenticate them as users of the fisheries applications and manage their access rights.

The Member States Local Registration Authority (LRA) or the third country relevant authority countersigns the registration form to grant access to DG MARE application for Member States/ third country staff working directly or indirectly for Fisheries administrations. The Commission verify the authenticity of the registration form by checking the signature of the LRA and grants the accesses that have been requested.

The 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:*

*(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;*

*(b) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;*

The basis for the processing referred to in points (a) and (b) of the paragraph 1 has been laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, Article 33

(recording and exchanging of fisheries data) and 111 (on direct electronic exchange of relevant fisheries information). Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, Article 24 on the fishing fleet register, and Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, Article 39 on Union database for fishing authorisations.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation, DG MARE collects the following categories of personal data:

- *Name;*
- *Function;*
- *Contact details (e-mail address, telephone number, fax number, postal address, company/authority and department, country)*

The provision of personal data is mandatory to meet a statutory requirement to protect from unauthorised access to the system. If you do not provide your personal data, possible consequences are *that you will not be granted access to the systems for the exchange of fisheries data.*

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

DG MARE only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely until EU Member States' Local Registration Authorities or third country authorities communicate a change of staff and consequent withdrawal of certain data. The user will be removed within the maximum of 10 working days. Back-up procedures applied to the system will retain information for 6 months maximum.

#### **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. 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.

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.

The local registration authority, i.e. the Member State body or third country authority designated to countersign requests for access, also has access to your personal data.

### **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) on grounds relating to your particular situation.

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.

### **8. 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, MARE-DATA-MANAGEMENT@ec.europa.eu

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO’s public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-02747.1