



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation:** Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” Forum.

**Data Controller:** European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Directorate Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Unit responsible for Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment.

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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 the event of 17 February 2023 called **Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” Forum**. 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 processing operation **Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” Forum** is presented below. The processing operation is undertaken by the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (hereafter “DG MARE”), Directorate Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Unit responsible for Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: the Unit responsible for Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment of DG MARE collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the event (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that event.

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the event, of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the event at the websites and social media platforms of the Commission.

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.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above web-streaming and recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing by wearing a recognisable sign that will be provided at the entrance of the venue of the event.

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

## **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 event (including web-streaming, photos, audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, 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).

**For speakers:** The processing operations of personal data of the speakers for the 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 in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract).

For participants: The processing of your personal data is based on your consent collected when you register to participate to the event. In addition, your consent is required for:

- the sharing of the event's participants list containing your name and affiliation with other event participants for the purpose of future collaboration between participants and/or to facilitate networking possibilities during the event.
- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise on the Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030".
- special dietary or access requirements for the event.

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Art 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 boxes on the online registration form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time by sending a message to [EU-MISSION-OCEAN-AND-WATERS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EU-MISSION-OCEAN-AND-WATERS@ec.europa.eu).

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

The following personal data will be processed by ICF NEXT:

- Identification and contact details (title/gender, first name, last name, job title, name of organisation, country, city, e-mail address);
- 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 requirements (if any) or specific access requirements.

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

The Unit responsible for Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment of DG MARE 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 is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- All personal data related to the organisation and management of the event (this includes information given during your registration, before, during or after the event) will be deleted **one year** after the last action in relation to the 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 event, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of the event.
- Recordings from the web-streamed event will be kept for **2 years** after the event. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306 (Web-streaming of Commission events);

- In case of audio-visual recordings of the event, they will be kept for **2 years** after the event. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-01937 (Audio-visual recording of meetings);
- Panoramic pictures published on the websites or social media platforms of the European Commission will be retained for **2 years** after the event.
- 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 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.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with the service providers for the purposes of organising and managing the event, such as

- Tipik (Communication agency located in Belgium)
- ICF Next SA (Global marketing agency located in Belgium)
- Swoogo: For the purpose of registering to this event we use Swoogo, ICF Next is in charge of creating and activating this tool. When submitting your data to register to the Event, you are aware that Swoogo may transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area (EEA) to third parties in countries and regions outside of the EEA where the local law may grant you fewer rights than you have in your own country. Where such transfers apply, they are based on:
  - adequacy decision of the Commission for a specific country / commercial sector (Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725/ Article 45 of the GDPR), and in the absence of such adequacy decision: appropriate safeguards (Article 48 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725/ Article 46 of the GDPR), such as the standard contractual clauses that contain appropriate safeguards and that can be obtained by sending an email to the controller.

- One tec (542/C4 Leuvensesteenweg B-1930 Zaventem) will be the company in charge of printing the badges. ICF Next will share with them the list of the participants registered, having access to their data.

## 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 a website (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

Registration takes place via <https://icfnext.swoogo.com/MissionForum2023> which employs cookies as described on the websites.

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the meeting/event website may not work as intended.

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. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

## Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the 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 can watch our videos, which we also upload to our website and follow links from our website to relevant social media. In order 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 in the event that 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.

In order 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 used. 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. In the event that one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

### **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 data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller. The withdrawal of your consent 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:

European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Directorate Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Unit responsible for Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment. **Contact:** [MARE-A1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-A1@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>.