

EUROPEAN COMMISSION RESEARCH EXECUTIVE AGENCY

# **Data Protection Notice**

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In accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 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 (Regulation), the Research Executive Agency (Agency or REA) collects your personal information only to the extent necessary to fulfil a precise purpose related to our tasks.

# 1. Why do we collect your personal data?

Subscription to the REA newsletter is ensured via the submission of an online registration form through the REA Europa webpage. Upon submission of the registration form and provision of your consent, you are automatically included in the REA stakeholders' database. We collect your personal data to send you regular newsletters via email with updates on topics you have selected on funding opportunities, events and other activities related to the programmes managed by the Agency.

Inclusion in the REA stakeholders' database can be done only with the online registration form and is conditional to the provision of your consent. Manual inclusion in the database is not possible.

We do not publish your personal data and do not use them for an automated decision-making, including profiling.

During your visit of the Agency webpage you are prompted to accept or refuse first-party cookies used by <u>Europa</u>, and third-parties cookies to view content provided by third parties (e.g. Youtube, Facebook). First-party cookies are used by Europa to remember your preferences (such as user name, language, etc.) for a certain period of time (until the browser is closed), make the website operational (operational, authentication and technical cookies) and gather analytics (analytics cookies). The analytics cookies do not collect any personal information but assess how you interact with the website.

# 2. Who is responsible for this process?

The controller is REA. For organisational reasons, the role of data controller is exercised by the Head of Sector Communication, Unit REA.C1 (Administration). The controller may be contacted via the Agency's <u>contact form</u> on Europa.

# 3. What is the legal basis to collect your data?

- Article 5(1)(d) of the Regulation based on the explicit consent of the data subject for the mandatory and non-mandatory personal data indicated below.

# 4. Which personal data are collected?

Mandatory data:

First name, last name, email address, country of residence, organisation, current or past EU funds beneficiary (yes/no), how was the information about the newsletter found (with multiple choices: EU event, NCP, REA website, etc.).

Non-mandatory data:

If the question above on whether you are a current or past EU funds beneficiary is 'yes', you can provide additional information on the following points: the programme, acronym, project number, position and website.

## 5. Who will have access to your personal data?

## a. Who will have access to the data within the Agency?

• Authorised staff of the REA Communication sector.

### b. Who will have access to the data outside the Agency?

- DG COMMUNICATION as processor for data collected with first-party cookies during your visit of the REA webpage on <u>Europa</u>.
- DG COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY in charge of the news management system 'Newsroom'.

The access is restricted to the information necessary for the legitimate performance of tasks within the competence of the recipient (controller and processor). The recipients of your personal data are reminded of their obligation not to use the data received for other purposes than the one for which they were transmitted. Your personal data are not published.

### 6. How long do we keep your personal data?

Your personal data are preserved until you unsubscribe from the newsletter. Your personal data are automatically deleted from the database upon unsubscription from the service.

#### 7. What are your rights?

You can unsubscribe from the newsletter at any time, by clicking on the 'unsubscribe' button located at the bottom of the newsletter. Your personal data are then automatically deleted from the database.

Furthermore, you may have access to your personal data and may exercise your right of access / rectification / erasure / restriction / data portability / objection / withdrawal of consent (where applicable) by contacting the data controller responsible for this processing activity via the Agency's <u>contact form</u> on Europa.

Further to the above, you can contact the REA Data Protection Officer (DPO): <u>REA-DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu</u>

In case of conflict, you can address your complaint to the European Data Protection Supervisor: <u>EDPS@edps.europa</u>

#### 8. Contact Information

In case you have any questions about the collection/processing of your personal data, you may contact the data controller responsible for this processing activity via the Agency's <u>contact form</u> on Europa.