

SSPS for the partner database and search functionality on the eTEN website supporting the eTEN project coordinators and partners as well as other project partners and constituency, in the context of the eTEN Programme based on articles 154, 155 and 156 of the Treaty establishing the European Community managed by DG INFSO through the eTEN partner search on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/eten/cf/user_new/partnersearch.cfm

1. The Specific e-Service "eTEN partner database and partner search"

This e-Service is made available on this web page in order to offer an online electronic registration and online search functionality of partners. If you are looking for project partners in your field of expertise, you can use the public partner search tool on our website. You can look for partners by theme, country and organisation activity. You can view all the necessary contact information (first name, last name, address, phone number and e-mail), and the eTEN partner information (organisation's activity, previous participation in eTEN or EU project and the project focus)

As the funding cycles of the eTEN programme have finished at the end of 2006, registering as a partner is no longer possible (only guest registration is possible) however, the partner search tool remains available. This e-Service and the processing operation thereof is under the responsibility of the Head of the Unit "IST operations", Directorate "Lisbon Strategy and Policies for the Information Society", Directorate-General Information Society and Media, acting, Directorate-General Information Society and Media, acting as the Controller.

As this e-Service collected and further processes personal data, Regulation (EC) 45/2001, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable.

2. What personal information do we collect, for what purpose and through which technical means?

Identification Data

The personal data collected and further processed are:

Gender*, First Name*, Last Name*, E-mail address* (functional e-mail address of organisation recommended), Nationality*, Theme of interest, Organisation, Organisation type, Job title, Organisation address, Organisation telephone, Organisation fax, Organisation department.

* mandatory fields

The purpose of the collection of personal data for the e-Service is to enable interested parties to search for potential partners.

The legal bases for these processing operations are:

- The Treaty establishing the European Community requires that a set of guidelines be produced to define the terms of reference to meet the objectives set out in the articles 154, 155 and 156:
- Decision No 1336/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 1997 (OJ 1997/L183/12 of 11.07.1997) on a series of Guidelines for Trans-European telecommunications Networks, amended by Decision No 1376/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 (OJ 2002/L200/1 of 30.07.2002).

The Programme is governed by the TEN financial regulations Council Regulation (EC) No 2236/95 of 18 September 1995 (OJ 1995/ L228/1 of 23.09.1995), laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of Trans-European Networks, amended by:

- Regulation (EC) No 1655/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 July 1999 (OJ 1999/L197/1 of 29.07.1999),
- Regulation (EC) No 788/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 (OJ 2004/L138/17 of 30.04.2004),
- Regulation (EC) No 807/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 (OJ 2004/L143/46 of 30.04.2004)
- Regulation (EC) No 1159/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 06 July 2005 (OJ 2005/L191/16 of 22.07.2005).

Technical information

The server-side technology used is Coldfusion in collaboration with an Oracle database.

3. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?

For the purposes detailed here above, access to your personal data will be given to the following persons, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with Community law:

- Internal authorised Commission staff and others who are working on behalf of the Commission to manage the eTEN Community Programme.
- Other structures associated with the Research Framework Programmes, other Programmes and Initiatives, such as Programme Committees.
- Members of Parliament may request and receive statistical information concerning various Programmes, not individual data.
- EU National Contact Points - The lists of experts who participated in evaluations are available to National Contact Points representatives via a secure interface a year after the evaluations are complete, providing name, gender, nationality and associated organisation.
- Public - During the project's life time, there will be at least two reviews (mid-term and final), when typically three reviewers (using the same expert

database as for the evaluations) are asked to review the project deliverables and advise the Commission on the progress of the project. In order to avoid potential conflict of interest we send the project consortia a template up-front, which they need to sign, indicating that they have no objections against the proposed reviewers. In order to decide whether a potential conflict of interest may exist, a very limited subset of data (name, experience, current profession) is provided to the project.

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The collected personal data and all information related to the above mentioned e-service is stored on the servers of either DG Information Society and Media, the operations of which abide by the Commission's security decisions and provisions established by the Directorate of Security for this kind of servers and services.

Access to all collected personal data is only possible to the above described populations with a UserId/Password, unless as a response to a specific request by the above described populations, in which case the Commission staff would access the database with UserId/Password and extract the necessary information and send it to the recipient.

5. How can you verify, modify or delete your information?

In case you want to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified respectively corrected, or deleted, you may make this change yourself. The password you chose during registering will allow you to log in to the system and update your personal information or delete your registration. Some Commission staff can also edit some of the personal information as well (email, postal address, city, country and phone number) in case such a change has been notified to the eTEN staff (Project Officers).

Special attention is drawn to the consequences of a delete request, in which case any trace to be able to contact you will be lost.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data are kept for the duration of the eTEN projects (plus 5 years after the end of the project to allow for audits).

The eTEN Community programme finished at the end of 2006 as the funding cycles of the programme were completed. As projects will continue through 2007, 2008 and 2009, this database will remain valid until 30.06.2009 to allow for partner search in support of the ongoing projects funded under the former eTEN programme (plus 5 years on individual projects to allow for audits).

7. Contact Information

In case you have questions related to this e-Service or on your rights, feel free to contact the support team, operating under the responsibility of the Controller, using the following contact information:

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8. Recourse

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the European Data Protection Supervisor.