



Specific Privacy Statement

Database of REA Stakeholders

1. Database of REA Stakeholders

This specific privacy statement concerns the processing operation named "Database of REA Stakeholders". The processing operation involves the handling of personal data and consequently is subject to the Regulation (EC) No 45/2001¹.

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

a. Purpose

The creation of the database of REA stakeholders supports effective implementation of one of the central tasks of the REA carried out in the public interest, i.e. establishing close contact with core groups of stakeholders, including the (potential) final beneficiaries.

The primary purpose is to provide the REA stakeholders with the possibility to receive timely e-mail alerts on topics which interest them (such as scientific breakthroughs supported by EU research funds, new funding opportunities, information days, events, new job opportunities and the Agency's results) and to interact with the Agency by providing direct feedback on these alerts.

Additionally, the REA would like to gain understanding of which categories of stakeholders are primarily interested in hearing from the Agency, and therefore to tailor the Agency's public communications accordingly.

b. Collection of personal information

The collection of the relevant data is done via an online form residing on the REA public website. The personal data that may be collected through the online form are the following:

- First name;
- Last name;
- E-mail address;
- Title (optional);
- Telephone number (optional);

¹ Regulation (EC) No 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 institutions and bodies of the Community and on the free movement of such data.

- Country;
- Company/organisation (optional);
- Organisation sub-level (e.g. department) (optional);
- Position in the organisation (optional);
- Website (optional);
- Occupation;
- Beneficiary of which EU funded programme (if applicable);
- Project acronym and number (if applicable - optional);
- Whether active as an independent expert for an EU research programme;
- Topics for which you are interested in receiving alerts (e.g. new funding opportunities, research breakthroughs);
- The source from which you have found out about the REA.

c. Technical Information

All information received from the online form is stored in a database that resides on the servers of the European Commission. The transmission of data is done in a secure/encrypted environment (https).

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

Information may be disclosed to the following recipients:

- Authorised members of the REA staff (e.g. Director of the REA, Communication sector, etc.);
- European Ombudsman;
- European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS).

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

All the data received through the online form are stored on the servers of the European Commission and on the IT infrastructure/servers (limited access) of the REA, 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.

The transmission of data is done in a secure/encrypted environment (https). Access to the database of REA stakeholders is granted only to authorised officers of the REA. Further printing and dissemination of information on paper copies is strictly forbidden.

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

At any time, you can request either the rectification of your personal data or their complete removal from the database of REA stakeholders, by sending an email to REA-COMMUNICATION@ec.europa.eu.

6. How long do we keep your data?

The database of REA stakeholders is considered as a "living file" and as an effect it is subject to update on a constant basis. Only the most up-to-date version of the database/file will be kept at any given moment.

7. Contact Information

If you want to obtain more information on the processing operation and the information that is collected and/or processed in that context, you may contact the data controller responsible for the processing operation, using the following address: REA-COMMUNICATION@ec.europa.eu.

You may also send your comments concerning the content of the news alerts, to REA-COMMUNICATION@ec.europa.eu.

Further to the above, the following instances can be addressed:

- **Data Protection issues**

REA Data Protection Officer (DPO): REA-DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu.

- **European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

In case of conflict, complaints can be addressed to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS): EDPS@edps.europa.eu.

8. Legal Basis

The legal basis reference which applies to the aforementioned processing operation is the following:

- REA External Communication Strategy.