

Privacy Statement

Public consultation on the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 (referred as "consultation" in the text)

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this consultation is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the topic of the consultation and potentially to publish them on the Internet, under the responsibility of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, acting as the Controller.

As this online service collects 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 AND THROUGH WHICH TECHNICAL MEANS?

Identification Data

The personal data collected and further processed are data necessary for the participation in the consultation, such as name/surname/profession/postal & e-mail addresses/phone number/fax number..., of the contributors, including their views on the topics concerned.

Internal participants may, in some cases, be selected through an appropriate sampling in Sysper2 or ComRef. This sampling results in lists used by the Controller to send invitations to participate.

The processing operations on personal data linked to the organisation and management of this consultation are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties, and more specifically in Article 5 of TEU, Article 13 TEU and Articles 244-250 TFEU, and in accordance with Article 1 and Article 11 of TEU.

Technical information

The on-line consultation tool (EUSurvey) stores the following information when participants submit a contribution:

By default, EUSurvey does not save any user-related information. However, the IP of every connection is saved for security reasons for every server request. Using this information, it might be possible to reconstruct where a request originated.

EUSurvey uses 2 kinds of "cookies" to save user-related data:

1. Affecting survey authors only: a cookie that contains session information to ensure reliable communication with the system.

This cookie stays valid as long as the session is valid and is removed once the session is closed (maximum 24 hours after last contact).

2. Affecting any user: a cookie that contains IDs of selected responses to a survey and

free-text responses in plain text until the user has submitted a valid contribution. Until a contribution has been successfully submitted, the system saves the user's draft contribution in a cookie at one-minute intervals, so that the contribution can be restored in the event of network congestion or a PC crash.

For offline answering the system uses session "cookies" in order to ensure communication between the client and the server. Therefore, your browser must be configured to accept "cookies". The "cookies" disappear once the session has been terminated. It is also possible to participate to a survey with "cookies" disabled, but in this case offline answering is not possible.

3. WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION AND TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?

The access to all personal data as well as all information collected in the context of this consultation is granted through UserId/Password to a defined population of users, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with the EU legislation. These users typically are members of the Unit organising the consultation inside the DG and indicated at point 7, acting as processor.

No personal data is transmitted to parties which are outside the recipients and the legal framework mentioned.

The European Commission will not share personal data with third parties for direct marketing purposes.

Moreover, received contributions, together with the identity of the contributor, will be published on the Internet, unless the contributor objects to publication of the personal data on the grounds that such publication would harm his or her legitimate interests. In this case the contribution may be published in anonymous form. Otherwise the contribution will not be published nor will, in principle, its content be taken into account. Any objections concerning publication of personal data should be sent to the service responsible for the consultation (see Contact information below).

4. How DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?

Your replies, together with your chosen language used for drafting the reply, are recorded in a secured and protected database hosted by the Data Centre of the European Commission, 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 database is not accessible from outside the Commission. Inside the Commission the database can be accessed using a UserId/Password.

Access to the application is via a non-encrypted connection using the normal http protocol.

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, corrected or deleted, please contact the Controller by using the Contact Information below and by explicitly specifying your request.

6. How LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?

Your personal data will be part of a list of contact details shared internally amongst the staff of Commission for the purpose of contacting you in the future in the context of the

Commission activities. If you do not agree with this, please contact the Controller by using the Contact Information below and by explicitly specifying your request.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

In case you wish to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified, corrected, or deleted, or if you have questions regarding the consultation, or concerning any information processed in the context of the consultation, 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](#).