PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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1. Introduction

This privacy statement concerns the collection and publication of personal data, in particular names and contact details as well as photos, on publicly accessible Commission websites such as Europa.eu, etc., of persons who serve as contact points for Commission activities.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the collection and processing, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your data (the right to access, rectify, block etc.).

As this service/application collects and further processes personal data, Regulation (EC) N°45/2001 and the upcoming equivalent data protection rules for the European institutions and bodies (hereafter the 'Internal Data Protection Regulation') are applicable.

2. Why do we process your data?

Purpose of the processing operation: DG Connect as Data Controller collects and publishes your personal information to facilitate the identification of contact points by stakeholders or

project/programme beneficiaries. Offering real persons as contact points is often the best and most efficient way to ensure that interested people can get in contact with Commission services.

Lawfulness of the processing operation:

The processing operations on personal data for the publication of contact points are necessary and lawful under Article 5 (a) of the Regulation (EC) 45/2001 and the upcoming Internal Data Protection Regulation: processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, namely the implementation of the CEF Programme. In particular, Articles 9 and 22 of Regulation No 1316/2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) provide that proposals are submitted by applicants to the CEF programme with the agreement of their Member State, after technical monitoring and financial control of actions. Therefore, the national contact points need to be easily identifiable for all potential applicants.

3. Which data do we collect and process?

Personal data collected are information, which make your identification as a contact point easier and increase their visibility for the public: title, name, surname, position, professional postal & e-mail addresses, phone number...

These personal data are provided by the Member States, after having informed you.

4. How long do we keep your data?

DG Connect only keeps the data for as long as you serve as a contact point. Personal data may be further kept in a data base for contacting you for participating in future activities if you have agreed to this.

All personal data will be deleted from databases 1 year after you ceased your functions as a contact point and if you have not given your agreement to be included in the data base for future activities.

5. How do we protect your data?

All data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, uploaded batches of data etc.) are stored either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors in line with its decision C(2006)3602 of 16 August 2006 concerning the security of information systems used by 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.

6. Who has access to your data and to whom is it disclosed?

All personal data provided by you can be accessed by the websites’ administrators (Commission staff), as well as by other Commission staff on a need to know basis.
For the purpose of increasing the contact points' visibility, your personal data are published on the following website:

https://ec.europa.eu/

Your personal data may become part of a database (please see notification DPO-3718) with the purpose of facilitating our future interaction with you as a stakeholder in your areas of interest. If you do not wish to be included in this database, please write to CNECT-STAKEHOLDERS@ec.europa.eu.

7. **What are your rights and how can you exercise them?**

You are entitled to access your personal data and rectify, block or delete it if the data is inaccurate or incomplete.
To have these data rectified or deleted, you can contact the data controller. Please refer to section 8.
You may lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor:
http://www.edps.europa.eu

8. **Contact information**

If you have comments or questions, any concerns or a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the data controller using the following contact information:

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