

Privacy Statement for the Food Waste Newsroom

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 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 (repealing [Regulation \(EC\) No 45/2001](#)).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The processing operation “Management of subscriptions to receive information” is undertaken by the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Food information and composition, food waste unit (SANTE.E1).

Newsroom description

The Newsroom of the [EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste](#) ("*Food Waste Newsroom*") is an on-line service offering a set of features to:

1. [Subscribe](#) to the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste Newsletter.
2. [Self-register](#) to manage your personal profile or delete it.

Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: Unit E1 Food information and composition, food waste unit of DG SANTE collects and uses your email address to send you the monthly newsletter of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste, which presents the latest activities carried out by the members of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.

The processing operation consists of maintaining a list containing personal data (email addresses) in a database.

Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making, including profiling.

On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data

We process your personal data because you as the data subject have given consent to the processing of your personal data for the purpose of receiving the newsletter of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste and for managing your subscription to the newsletter.

Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation, the processing unit collects the following personal data: name, email address. After registering for the newsletter with your email address, you may edit your own personal profile, namely to add or modify your personal and family names and title.

Food Waste Newsroom collects only the list of currently chosen newsletters with the associated email address. No other information at any moment is transferred to other systems, exported from the Food Waste Newsroom or otherwise further treated.

How long do we keep your personal data?

The Food Waste Newsroom keeps only the current state of data. No history is saved. Each change of your subscription erases instantly previous data; this includes also cancelling your subscription.

Personal data will be retained for a maximum period of **five years after the last interaction** of the subject with the Commission Services, after which your data will be automatically deleted from the Newsroom system.

How do we protect and safeguard your personal data

The Food Waste Newsroom is developed, maintained and managed by the European Commission.

All information related to the content and subscribers of the Food Waste Newsroom is stored in databases on the servers (all located on the EU territory) in the European Commission Data Centre (ran by [DG Informatics](#)), 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.

All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The relevant processing operations are under the responsibility of the Head of the Food information and composition, food waste Unit, Directorate E, European Commission Directorate General for Health and Food Safety, acting as the Controller.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address

online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to other authorised Commission staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

What are your rights and how can you exercise them

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have consented to provide your personal data to Unit E1 Food information and composition, food waste unit of Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by updating (deleting your data) or notifying the Data Controller (at SANTE-FLW-NEWSLETTER@ec.europa.eu). The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given below.

Any request for access to personal data will be handled within one month. Any other request mentioned above will be addressed within 15 working days.

Contact information

The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller at SANTE E1 (contact email: SANTE-FLW-NEWSLETTER@ec.europa.eu).

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (data-protection-officer@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

Where to find more detailed information

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the [register of all processing operations on personal data](#) by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him.