

SPECIFIC PRIVACY STATEMENT for the public consultation on the evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme (7th EAP)

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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1. Introduction

This privacy statement complements the EUSurvey privacy statement (<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/home/privacystatement>) and explains how DG Environment, as survey owner and Data Controller, will process and ensure protection of all personal data provided to it by EUSurvey in response to the public consultation on the evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme, how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your data.

The European institutions are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. As noted in the EUSurvey privacy statement, because this public consultation involves collecting and further processing personal data, Regulation (EC) N°45/2001¹, 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 applies.

2. Why will we process your data?

DG Environment with the assistance of an external contractor (Trinomics) will analyse the data received from EUSurvey to inform the development of policy.

Personal data collected via EUSurvey may become part of a database compiled by the external contractor for DG Environment with the purpose of facilitating the interaction between the EC and its stakeholders in their areas of interest.

If participants do not wish to be included in this database, they may address themselves to DG Environment.

3. Which data do we collect and process?

Only data necessary for participating in the consultation will be collected and processed, namely, as relevant: name, email address, organisation, company size, country of residence or activities, main field of activity or main area of expertise or interest and contribution (including opinions and views, as well as information about relevant activities in your country).

4. How long do we keep your data?

DG Environment will only keep the data for as long as follow-up actions to the consultation are necessary with regard to the purpose of processing those personal data.

All personal data will be deleted from databases, including EUSurvey, 1 year after the last action in

¹ [Regulation \(EC\) N° 45/2001](#) (OJ L8 of 12/01/2001).

relation to the consultation.

Reports containing personal data will be archived according to the Commission's legal framework.

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 the external contractor, which has to guarantee the security and confidentiality of the collected information (European Commission's security decision of 16 August 2006 [C(2006) 3602] concerning the security of information systems used by the European Commission);

The Commission's external contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of Directive 95/46/CE. The applicable national regulatory frameworks can be found here: http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/law/status-implementation/index_en.htm,

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

DG Environment and its external contractor will have access to the completed questionnaires in the EUSurvey database, and the data could be transmitted to other EU Institutions or bodies subject to the same legal framework in relation to personal data as DG Environment.

DG Environment may publish the data through various means (e.g. via the EUSurvey publication module, elsewhere on the Internet, as part of study reports or Commission publications, in meeting presentations).

However, you may ask for your contribution to be published anonymously. Please note that even if you request anonymous publication, your contribution may be subject to a request for access to documents under Regulation 1049/2001. In such cases, the request will be assessed against the conditions set out in the Regulation and in accordance with applicable data protection rules.

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

According to Regulation (EC) N°45/2001, you are entitled to access your personal data and rectify, block or delete it if the data are inaccurate or incomplete. You may exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller or, in cases of conflict, the Data Protection Officer and if necessary the European Data Protection Supervisor using the contact information given at point 8 below.

8. Contact information

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

The Data Controller:

- Head of Unit, DG Environment Unit F.1, 1049 Brussels, Belgium
- Functional Mailbox: ENV-7TH-EAP-EVALUATION@ec.europa.eu

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission: DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu
The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS): edps@edps.europa.eu.

9. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer publishes the register of all operations processing personal data. You can access the register on the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>

This specific processing has been notified to the DPO with the following reference: DPO-2560