Specific Privacy Statement

Public consultation on "whistleblower protection"
referred to 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 Head of the Unit 01, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumer, acting as the Controller.

The consultation is organised by Unit C.2, Fundamental rights policy.

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/ 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 11of TEU.

Technical information

The consultation is launched using EUSurvey. 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 enables this type of survey to be made “fully anonymous”. In this option, full anonymity is preserved and neither contact information nor IP numbers are saved. With "Fully Anonymous" surveys, the author(s) can never find out where a contribution comes from.

Please notice that other servers at the European Commission might still log IPs for security reasons.

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 killed (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?

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 either published in anonymous form or not be published at all. However, its content will 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:

European Commission
DG Justice and Consumers
Unit C2 'Fundamental Rights Policy'
59, rue Montoyer
B-1049 Brussel/Belgium
tel: +32 2 295 68 32

Functional mailbox address of the support team:

JUST-C2-CHARTE@ec.europa.eu

8. RECOURSE

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the Data Protection Officer of the Commission (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) or to the European Data Protection Supervisor.