



Open public consultation on Erasmus+ and predecessor programmes

Specific Privacy Statement

1. Objective

The objective of this *public consultation* is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the topic of the *Erasmus+ Programme (since 2014) and the predecessor EU programmes in education and training, youth and sport* and potentially to publish them on the Internet, under the responsibility of the Director Resources , Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, acting as the Controller.

As this online service collects and further processes personal data, data protection rules apply as outlined in [Regulation \(EC\) 45/2001](#)¹.

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 management of the *public consultation*, such as name/surname/profession/ e-mail addresses including the views of contributors on the topics concerned.

The processing operations on personal data linked to the organisation and management of this *public consultation* are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties, and more specifically articles 5, 7 and 211 - 219 of the EC Treaty.

Technical information

The Open Public Consultation is managed by the contractor – ICF Consulting Services – through the SurveyGizmo platform. Its systems are designed to be compliant with all applicable EU Data Protection laws. Survey data are hosted on secure servers. The public consultation is accessible through a secure link and data collected are stored under a 256-bit encryption protocol.

By default, SurveyGizmo does not save any specific user-related information. However, the IP and the location of origin of every connection are saved for security reasons for every server request. SurveyGizmo uses a cookie that contains session information to ensure reliable communication with the system. This cookie is persistent and can be manually deleted through your browser.

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 published in anonymous form. Otherwise the contribution will not be published nor will, in principle, its content be taken into account. Any objections in this regard should be sent to the service responsible for the consultation (see Contact information below).

¹ 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

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The collected personal data and all information related to the above mentioned *public consultation* is stored on a computer of the external contractor, acting as processor, who has to guarantee the data protection and confidentiality required by the Regulation (EC) 45/2001.

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 respectively corrected or deleted, please contact the service responsible for the consultation by using the Contact Information below and by explicitly specifying your request.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data will remain in the database until the results have been completely analysed and will be rendered anonymous when they have been usefully exploited, and at the latest after 1 year from the end of the consultation.

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 *public consultation*, or on your rights, feel free to contact:

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Unit B4 - Erasmus+ Coordination
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Further to the above you can contact:

- DG EAC's Data Protection Co-ordinator: eac-data-protection@ec.europa.eu
- The European Commission Data Protection Officer: data-protection-officer@ec.europa.eu

8. Recourse

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).

