

# **Specific Privacy Statement Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth**

## **Public consultation on Smart Specialisation: a fresh approach to the European growth and jobs through regional innovation strategies**

### **1. Objective**

The objective of this public consultation is to receive the views of stakeholders or people concerned by the topic of the public consultation and potentially to publish them on the Internet, under the responsibility of the Head of the Unit concerned, Directorate-General REGIO, acting as the Controller.

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 public consultation, such as name/surname/profession/ e-mail addresses, including their views 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 system uses session "cookies" in order to ensure communication between the client and the server. Therefore, your browser must be configured to accept "cookies". However, it does not collect personal or confidential information of any kind, nor any IP address from your PC. The cookies disappear once the session has been terminated.

### **3. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?**

Some of your personal data (your name and the name of your organisation) will be published on the web. If you do not agree with this publication of your personal data, please opt-out where required or inform the data Controller by using the 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 respectively 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 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 concerning any information processed in the context of the public consultation, or on your rights, feel free to contact the support team, operating under the responsibility of the Controller, using the following contact information:

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### **8. Recourse**

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