



PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: EU AGRI RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2023

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural development, Directorate F. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach, Research and Geographical Indications, Unit F.2. Research and innovation

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1. Introduction

The European 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 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the EU AGRI RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2023. It explains 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 information in relation to processing operation of the EU AGRI RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2023, undertaken by the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural development, Directorate F. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach, Research and Geographical Indications, Unit F.2. Research and innovation, of the European Commission, is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: The European Commission collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the conference (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that conference.

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the conference of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the conference at the conference webpage.

Participants intervening in the conference may be photographed individually.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above web-streaming and recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing by contacting AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@ec.europa.eu. Participants who object will be invited to connect to the web streamed meeting.

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

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

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the conference (including web-streaming, photos, audio-visual recording) are managed on the basis of different legal basis depending on your status (speaker, participant, employee).

If you are participating to the conference as a speaker, the legal basis for the processing of your data is article 5(1)(a) (“processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest”) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, since the organisation of this conference is part of the efforts that the Commission makes to engage with stakeholders as mandated by article 11 of the Treaty on European Union.

If you are participating to the conference because you are contracted to do so, the legal basis for the processing of your data is article 5(1)(c) (“processing is necessary for the performance of a contract”) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

If you are a member of the general public, the legal basis for the processing of your data is article 5(1)(d) of (EU) 2018/1725, consent. Your consent is required for the processing of your personal data in order to manage your participation to the conference.

Regardless of your status in participating to the conference, your consent is required for:

- the collection and processing of your dietary preferences, if you wish for them to be accommodated during your physical participation to the event.
- The processing of your personal data to ensure any special access requirements you may have are met;
- the sharing of the conference participants list containing your name and affiliation with other participants for networking purpose (future collaboration of certain participants);
- the sharing of the meeting/event attendee list containing your name and affiliation among participants, in order to create working groups to continue the collaborate work launched during the meeting/event;
- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise.
- the creation and publication of audio and video recordings of you beyond your contributions to the conference proper (such as interviews and podcasts).

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box(es) on the online registration form or on a separate paper form provided for that purpose.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time. For withdrawing consent, please contact the controller of the event at AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@ec.europa.eu.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

The following personal data will be processed:

- contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address);
- Personal data necessary for establishing the attendance list and the minutes: signature, audio-visual recording of the meeting;

- Personal data processed for web-streaming of the meeting, including audio-visual recording of the speakers, organisers and participants (non-speaker participants are not recorded individually but they may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience);
- For physical meetings which involves catering, personal data relating to your dietary requirements;
- Personal data relating to your particular access requirements, if any.

For invited speakers and moderators:

- Personal data necessary for booking travel and accommodation.
- Separate pictures and/or audio/visual recordings additional to those of the conference sessions.

Photographs and audio-visual recordings of conference speakers will be taken during the meeting/event on behalf of the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the European Commission by an authorised staff member or external service provider. If you do not wish your photo to be taken during the event, please notify the controller of the event at AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@ec.europa.eu, so that we can make the necessary and appropriate arrangements during the conference.

Photographs and recordings may be published afterwards on the conference website, on social media and on other Commission websites. If you appear in these photographs or recordings or in their background and you wish for the files to be removed, you can contact the controller at AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@ec.europa.eu to request the deletion of the files.

The data controller is processing your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 for the purposes of this conference. If you decide to take photographs/audio-visual recordings of participants of the conference and/or publish them online, you assume full responsibility for these actions. The same applies if you download the photographs that will be posted online and publish them on the Internet. The data controller shall not be held accountable for any processing of personal data that you might carry out on your own initiative during or after the event.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- All personal data related to the organisation and management of the conference (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be deleted **1 year** after the last action in relation to the conference.
- Sensitive personal data relating to dietary and/or access requirements will be deleted as soon as they are no longer necessary for the purpose for which they have been collected in the framework of the conference, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of the conference.

- Recordings from the web-streamed conference will be kept for **2 years** before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306 (Web-streaming of Commission events).
- Similarly, additional audio and visual recordings of speakers (such as interviews, pictures and podcasts) will be kept for **2 years** after the end of the Conference.
- Selected audio-visual material published online may be retained for permanent preservation;
- In case of audio-visual recording of the conference, the recordings will be kept for **3 months** after the conference before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306.1 Web streaming of Commission events.
- Personal data shared with the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security of the European Commission for the participants to gain access to Commission buildings is kept **for 6 months** after the termination of the link between the data subject and the Commission. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00655 (Commission Physical Access Control System (PACS)).

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The Commission's contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR' - [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679](#)).

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.

7. 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.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with the service provider for the purposes of organising the conference: Tipik Communication Agency S.A.

Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user's device (such as a computer, tablet or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of a website (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

The registration for the conference takes place via a Commission website. The cookies employed by the Commission on the registrant's device for that purpose will be covered by the cookie policy of the Commission, which is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/cookies_en.

When you visit the website(s) of our meeting and when you register, we will keep the browser history of your visit. Maximum retention periods are governed by the above-mentioned cookie policy. This information will then be deleted. The collection, aggregation and anonymising operations are performed in the data centre of the European Commission under adequate security measures.

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the meeting/event website may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally and the pattern data is fully under the Commission's control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

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.

Third-party IT tools, including Social Media

We may use third-party IT tools to inform about and promote the meeting/event through widely used communication channels, including the social media. For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00073 (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

You may be able to watch our videos, which may be also uploaded to one of our social media pages and follow links from our website to other relevant social media.

In order to protect your privacy, our use of third-party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only in the event that you click on a button or "play" on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

In order to view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties' specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

We recommend that users carefully read the relevant privacy policies of the social media tools used. These explain each company's policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users' rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

The use of a third-party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. In the event that one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

8. 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.

As an invited speaker, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

Members of the general public have consented to provide their personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. If you are a member of the general public, you can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller at AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@ec.europa.eu. The withdrawal of your consent 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 under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e., their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or 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: European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural development, Directorate F. Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach, Research and Geographical Indications, Unit F.2. Research and innovation, AGRI-RESEARCH-CONF-2030@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.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the European Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

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