



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PRIVACY STATEMENT FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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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 a (type of a) meeting or event, organised by the European Commission. 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 the processing of personal data linked to meetings and events, organised by the services 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, DG Regio – unit D.2, collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the specific meeting or event (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that meeting or event. In carrying out these activities DG Regio – unit D.2 will be supported by its external contractors, including LOW and t33.

The event will be held on [Hopin](#) platform. The provision of personal data is mandatory (Organiser/participant) to meet a technical requirement. If you do not provide your personal data (User/participant identifier), possible consequences might be that the system cannot identify the conference participant and therefore the participation is doubtful. The Data Controller uses your personal information provided during the registration of Hopin only for the organisation, preparation, management and follow-up of the meeting.

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

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the event of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as names and roles and possibly a short biography and photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the event or meeting at Border Focal Point Network platform (<https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/en/border-focal-point-network>), newsletter and social media.

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 sending an e-mail prior to the event at borders@loweurope.eu.

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 event (including web-streaming, photos, audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 58(1) (f) CPR – technical assistance – communication: "actions to disseminate information, support networking, carry out communication activities with particular attention to the results and added value of support from the ESI Funds, raise awareness and promote cooperation and exchange of experience, including with third countries" of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

Consequently, those processing operations are lawful under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body).

Your consent is required for the following actions during the meeting or event (if applicable):

- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise and keeping you informed of relevant developments and activities;
- the processing of your personal data for managing your subscription to a newsletter of the data controller;
- the processing of your personal data (names and roles, photos, biography) for publishing on a public platform

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.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time:

- for unsubscribing from the newsletter, please use the URL that can be found at the bottom of each newsletter

- for withdrawing consent that you have provided in order to benefit from other services, please contact borders@loweurope.eu or Data controller at REGIO-D2-CROSS-BORDER-COOPERATION@ec.europa.eu

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

The following personal data may be processed in the context of the event:

- For all participants: contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, telephone number);
- For all speakers and the moderator: name and function and a short speakers' biography might be published on Hopin, Futurium Platform and Social media.
- Personal data processed for Hopin to meet the technical requirements for the event.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller and an external contractor 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 may be processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing processing:

- Personal data related to the organisation and management of the event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for **five years** after the meeting or event.
- Recordings from the web-streamed meeting or event 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).
- Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters or invitations to similar events) are processed in line with the Record of Processing DPR-EC-03928 (Management of subscriptions to receive information) and the specific privacy statement prepared by the organising Commission service.

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.

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.

The Commission's processors (contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processors have to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

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 service providers for the purposes of organising the meeting/event:

Service provider 1: LOW Associates Brussels, rue de la Longue Haie 63, boite 1, 1000 Brussels (Belgium)

Service provider 2: t33 srl, via Calatafimi 1, 60121 Ancona (Italy)

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 event takes place via Hopin. The cookies employed by Hopin on the registrant's device for that purpose will be covered by the cookie policy of Hopin, which is available in Hopin Privacy Policy [here](#).

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 channels and follow links from our platform 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.

International transfers

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients. The further processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

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.

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.

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.

You have consented to provide your personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller, namely unit D2 REGIO-D2-CROSS-BORDER-COOPERATION@ec.europa.eu. The withdrawal of your consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent. 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 - Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, unit D2 - at REGIO-D2-CROSS-BORDER-COOPERATION@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>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-1063.

Photographs and/or audio-visual recordings of Commission staff will be taken during the meeting/event on behalf of Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, 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 borders@loweurope.eu so that we can make the necessary and appropriate arrangements during the meeting/event.

The data controller is processing your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 for the purposes of this event. If you decide to take photographs/audio-visual recordings of participants of the event and/or publish them online, you assume full responsibility for these actions. The same applies if you download the photographs that will be posted on the Intranet 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.