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## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation:** Processing of personal data linked to meetings and events (Thematic groups, workshops, seminars, conferences, focus groups, etc.) organized under the activities of the EU CAP Network.

**Data Controller:** Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate D – CAP Strategic Plans II, Unit D1 – Rural Areas and networks

**Record reference:** DPR-EC-01063

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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 meetings and events organised under the umbrella of the EU CAP Network (thematic groups, seminars, conferences, workshops, focus groups, etc) by DG AGRI, unit D1 Rural Areas and Networks in close cooperation with its contractors RURANET, Community for Europe, VLM - Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIE.

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 Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate D – CAP Strategic Plans II, Unit D1 – Rural Areas and networks (hereafter AGRI D.1), is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: AGRI D.1 collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about meetings or events (thematic group meeting, workshops, seminars, conference, focus groups, brokerage activities, etc.) organised under the activities of EU CAP Network, (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that meeting or event.

The registration for the meeting or event, as mentioned above, is done by our contractors either via an event organising platform called Eventtia, or via EU Survey. The Commission's processors (contractors and sub-contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission.

In case of virtual meeting or event, the following IT tools may be used:

- Cisco WebEx, covered by Record DPR-EC-05006
- Teams, covered by Record DPR-EC-04966
- Zoom.

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the event or meeting of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers may be taken and published in the context of the event or meeting at <http://www.eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu>.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups unless they have specifically consented to it. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience. Individual photographs of speakers and

moderators may be taken on the basis of public interest. For more details, please refer to Section 3 of this document.

If your specific event will be recorded, you will be informed of this ahead of time.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above web-streaming and/or recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing by sending an e-mail to [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu) the event.

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 *meeting or event* 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, Article 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Regulation 182/2011 and Article 52 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

*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). This legal basis covers the processing of video and audio recordings taken for the purpose of reporting on the outcome of any meeting / event, the web-streaming activities, the taking of general photos of the activities, as well as individual photos and recordings of speakers and moderators.

The processing operations on personal data of the speakers for the meeting or event with whom a contract is concluded, are carried out in line with the contractual provisions. Consequently, that processing is necessary and lawful under Article 5(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract).

As a participant, your consent is required for the following actions during the meeting or event:

- The processing of your personal data to enable the evaluation of your expression of interest (if relevant) your participation to the meeting or events (this is necessary for you to be able to join the event);
- the processing of your personal data relating to your dietary requirements and/or access requirements;
- the taking of pictures that portray you individually or in small groups (unless you are a speaker or moderator);
- the sharing of the *meeting or event* participants list (containing your name, email address and affiliation) with other participants for networking and collaboration purposes;
- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data

controller may organise;

- o the sharing of your name, affiliation and e-mail address on our website (<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/>) to enable those outside of your specific working group to contact you on this topic;
- o the confirmation of your participation to our events to the CAP network of your member state or to the national authorities of your member state, should we receive a request for information from them (this may happen, for example, if they wish to organize events on similar topics). If you consent to this, we will only transmit your name, contact details, and affiliation.

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 form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time by contacting us at [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu).

AGRI D.1 may decide to:

- use images, audio/video recordings;
- use EUSurvey and/or EULogin;
- store personal data in a document management system such as ARES.

The activities of the EU CAP Network may use the Commission's online questionnaire tool EUSurvey that requires you to login via your 'EU Login' or 'social media account'. 'EU Login' requires certain personal data such as the name, surname and e-mail address of the registrant. For further information, please refer to the privacy statements of 'EU Login' and 'EU Survey' as well as the processing operations 'Identity & Access Management Service (IAMS)' (reference number in the public DPO register: [DPR-EC-03187](#)) and 'EUSurvey' (reference number: [DPR-EC-01488](#)). Should you choose to log in through your social media account, please refer to the pertinent social media platform's privacy statement to review how they process your personal data.

<b>- 4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?</b>
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The following personal data will be processed:

- a) contact details (function/title, first name, last name, birthdate, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, telephone number);
- b) nationality, passport or identity card number and its date of issue and expiry date may be collected, so that the data subjects may obtain access to the premises where the meeting/event is held;
- c) financial information (such as a payment card number or bank account) may be collected for the payment of fees of the meeting/event or for possible reimbursements;
- d) dietary requests or specific access requirements (if any);
- e) Photographs or video recordings.
- f) The provision of personal data is not mandatory, but they are necessary to ensure your participation to the event or to allow us to provide you with specific services

(reimbursements, travel and accommodation, dietary and mobility accommodations).

#### **5. How long do we keep your personal data?**

The Data Controller, AGRI D.1, 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:

- Personal data related to the organisation and management of the meeting or event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for **5 years** after the meeting or event.
- 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 meeting or event, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of 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 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)).
- 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 organizing 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 either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors (RURANET, Community for Europe, VLM - Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIE).

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: Ruranet, Rue de la Loi 38, 1040 Brussels
- Service provider 2: VLM - Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Boulevard Roi Albert II 15, 1210, Brussels
- Service provider 3: Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIE, Rue Belliard 12, 1040, Brussels
- Service provider 4: Community for Europe, Avenue des Arts 9 bis, 1210, Brussels

Selected service providers for organisational purposes (such as caterers, travel agents or event management organisations) are contractually bound to process personal data on behalf of and in line with the instructions of the data controller, keep confidential any data they process and protect it from unauthorised access, use and retention. Since these service providers will be chosen in close proximity to each event, you can contact us at [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu), and we’ll provide you with the complete information.

If you use the Zoom platform to connect to any of our meetings, some of your personal data will be transferred to the United States of America as part of the use of that platform. Your data is transferred by AGRI D.1 on the basis of EU-US Data Privacy Framework, an adequacy decision under the meaning of Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. The Zoom platform is specifically covered by this adequacy decision. If you want more details on how Zoom processes your personal data, you can refer to their privacy policy here: <https://www.zoom.com/en/trust/privacy/>

Our contractors may utilise Odoo’s cloud services to host some of your personal data. All primary storage takes place on EU-based servers; however, one of the backups copies of the data may be located in Canada. Such a transfer of personal data would take place on the basis of [Commission Decision 2002/2/EC of 20 December 2001](#), an adequacy decision under the meaning of Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. For more details on how Odoo processes personal data, you may refer to their [privacy policy](#).

If you are a participant, certain personal information may also be made available to the wider public if you have consented to it, such as your name, contact details, affiliation, pictures.

If you are a speaker or a moderator, your personal data will be made available to the general public according to public interest.

For more information, you may refer to section 3 of this document or contact us directly at [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu).

## **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 meeting/event is done by our Contractor either via EU Survey or via an event organising platform called Eventtia.

When you visit the website(s) of the meeting/event and when you register, Eventtia will indicate in [their specific privacy statement](#) how they process your personal data, including cookies. All cookies that are not strictly necessary are activated based on express consent.

### **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 social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, X -formerly Twitter)

You can watch our videos, which we upload to YouTube channel, and follow links from our website to the EU CAP Network Facebook page and Instagram.

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, visit a third-party website 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 read the relevant privacy policies of those third-parties carefully before using their services. 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.

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 at [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@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, at [agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-eucapnetwork@ec.europa.eu)

### **- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](mailto: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 or her. 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-01063.