

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

**This Data Protection Notice (*DPN*) provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.**

**Processing operation:** ‘Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19’ – online event on 29 June 2020

**Data Controller:** European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (*DG RTD*)

**Record reference:** DPR-EC-001063

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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 Data Protection Notice (*DPN*) explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020”. 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 “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020”, undertaken by the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (*DG RTD*) of the European Commission, is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: the Controller collects and further processes your personal data for the purpose of your participation as speaker and/or organiser at the “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020”.

Your speech and/or presentation at the “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020” will be live web-streamed, recorded, and published on a European Commission website.

Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision-making including profiling. 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. For instance, if you decide to take photographs/audio-visual recordings of participants of the “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020” and/or publish them online, you assume full responsibility for these actions.

## **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 “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19” – online event on 29 June 2020” (*including web-streaming, audio-visual recordings and their publication*) 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.

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*).

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

The following personal data will be processed:

- Identity (*function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country*);
- Contact details (*e-mail address*);
- Recordings and web-streaming of the event/presentations/speeches.

## 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 “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19’ – online event on 29 June 2020” (*this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event*) will be deleted **one year** after the last action in relation to the “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19’ – online event on 29 June 2020”;
- Recordings of the web-streamed “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19’ – online event on 29 June 2020” 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*).

## 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 (*and 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 given processing operations.

The Commission’s contractors are bound by specific contractual clauses 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](#)*).

## 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.

## Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We might use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the “Investment in Clean Energy Solutions in times of COVID-19’ – online event on 29 June 2020” 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*).

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 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.

<b>8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?</b>
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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.

The data will ensure that the data subjects can exercise their right to object to processing whenever possible by the organisers of the meeting/event.

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.

<b>9. Contact information</b>
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**- 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 Research and Innovation (*DG RTD*), unit D.1 in charge of the meeting at: [EC-MICHAMPIONS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EC-MICHAMPIONS@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.

<b>10. Where to find more information?</b>
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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>.

These specific processing operations have been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-01063.