



## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation:** Processing of personal data linked to the selection of Participants to the EU SPACE Information Sharing and Analysis Centre ('EU SPACE ISAC').

**Data Controller:** *European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, Unit B.2 – Innovation and New Space - Space Defence (hereinafter DG DEFIS Unit B.2)*

**Data processor:** *European Union Space Programme Agency (EUSPA)*

**Record reference:** **DPR-EC-27368.1**

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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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the launch of the EU SPACE ISAC. 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 the EU SPACE ISAC, organised by DG DEFIS Unit B.2 of the European Commission, is presented below.

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

The European Commission (DG DEFIS Unit B.2) collects and processes your personal data for the selection of Participants in the EU SPACE ISAC.

Participants in the EU SPACE ISAC shall fulfil specific eligibility criteria mentioned in the Terms of Reference. For this purpose, personal data might be processed by the Commission and EUSPA – in particular to analyse the governance and ownership of the entity that candidates to the EU SPACE ISAC.

After the confirmation by the European Commission that eligibility criteria are met, the application will be assessed against evaluation criteria defined in the Terms of Reference that relate to the expertise and motivation of the entity to join the EU SPACE ISAC. For this purpose, any personal data that would figure in the application form (such as details on the point of contact or the legal representative(s) of the applicant) will be removed before circulation to any entity other than the Commission and EUSPA that would participate to the evaluation of applications.

All along the selection process, personal data (such as email addresses) might be processed by the European Commission and / or by EUSPA to reach out to the applicant to ask for a missing document or for clarifications.

At the end of the evaluation process, personal data will be processed to inform the applicant about the result of evaluation – i.e to inform about the selection or rejection of the application.

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 your personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. More specifically, it is needed to strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of the EU space sector which provides key services to the economy, to citizens and in support of public policies (including in the field of security and defence), as stated in the Joint Communication on the European Union Space Strategy for Security and Defence<sup>1</sup>.

The legal basis for processing data based on Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 are the following:

- Articles 173 and 189 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, read in conjunction with its Protocol 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, and the Recital 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.
- Article 6 of the Regulation 2021/696 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Union Space Programme which lists actions in support of an innovative and competitive Union space sector, including support the reinforcement of the European supply chain through the wide participation of enterprises to all the components of the Space programme, in particular SMEs and start-ups, and the implementation of measures to underpin their competitiveness at global level.

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

The following personal data are collected and further processed in the context of the selection of Participants to the EU SPACE ISAC:

- first and last name,
- position/function/title in the entity (including relevant department), name and address of establishment of the entity,
- contact details (e-mail address, telephone number, mobile number),
- nationality,
- signature, where applicable.

#### **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.

- The competent Commission service keep personal data submitted to them as part of rejected applications for a maximum of two years after the end of the selection process and do not process them for other purposes.
- The competent Commission service keep personal data for the duration of participation of relevant individual(s) in the EU SPACE ISAC and for two years after the date on which the individual(s) is/are no longer participating.

#### **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 on the servers of the EUSPA.

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 EUSPA is bound by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the European Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. It shall put in place all required appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure that processing will meet the requirements of the Regulation and ensure the protection of the rights of the data subject.

## **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 and in accordance with obligations defined in the Terms of Reference.

Your information will also be sent to and processed by EUSPA according to the 'need to know' principle and in accordance with the obligations defined in the Terms of Reference.

Collected personal data will not be shared with any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose that this may be required 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 and ask to rectify, your personal data in case they would be inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to request erasure of your personal data or restrictions to the processing of your personal data. You can object to the processing of your personal data 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) and (d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation in accordance with Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

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.

Any request for access to personal data will be handled within one month. Any other request mentioned above will be addressed within 15 working days.

## **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: [defis-EU-SPACEISAC-SECRETARIAT@ec.europa.eu](mailto:defis-EU-SPACEISAC-SECRETARIAT@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. 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-27368.1**.

