



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Series of events and website in relation to the Raw Materials Week

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, *Unit I.1 – Unit I1. Energy intensive industries – raw materials – hydrogen (hereinafter DG GROW Unit I.1 or the Data Controller)*

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the 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 of 23 October 2018 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, 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 “*Series of events and website in relation to the Raw Materials Week*” “ undertaken by the Data Controller is presented below.

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

The Data Controller processes your personal data to register to events of the Raw Materials Week 2023. This processing is carried out in the framework of the collaborative web platform Aventri (STOVA). The Platform has a public and a restricted interface.

The public IT website [Raw Materials Week 2023](#) may contain personal data in the form of contact details and photos of events.

Your data will not be used for an automated decision-making, including profiling.

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

We process your personal data, because processing is necessary

(a) 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 (Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725);

(b) for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject (Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725);

(d) because you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for

- registration to events of the Raw Materials Week 2023

- publication of audio-visual recording at the meeting or event of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers – they are intended to be uploaded to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages and two LinkedIn pages: [EU Business Support](#) and [EU Skills & Business](#).

via a clear affirmative act by ticking a box on the online registration form. Your consent for this/these purpose(s) can be withdrawn at any time by writing to GROW-RAW-MATERIALS-WEEK@ec.europa.eu.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation, the Data Controller processes the following categories of personal data:

- Authentication data (mandatory): surname, given name, email address.
- Authentication data to provide you access to the IT system (mandatory): your country, your Ministry, Organisation, Company.
- Contact and profile data (optional): telephone, website, position or job title, department, physical address, photograph.

We have obtained your personal data from you.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the abovementioned purposes. For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details:

- Authentication data will be kept in the IT system for the duration of your participation in the event.
- The optional data mentioned above can be deleted at any moment upon your request, as it is not necessary for getting access to the platform itself.

- In case the group or the IT tool are permanently discontinued, all data will be pseudonymised and kept for a maximum of 5 years.

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 the [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 data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('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 authorised 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 use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the [Raw Materials Week 2023 website](#) 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 can watch our videos, which we also upload to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages and two LinkedIn pages: [EU Business Support](#) and [EU Skills & Business](#).

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 [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), carefully before using them. 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 the web platform Aventri (STOVA) that will be used for the registration of participants is located in the US and is therefore processing personal data of participants outside of the territory of the European Union.

Therefore, the personal data processed by this tool will be transferred to the EU on the basis of the Adequacy Decision under Article 47 of the Regulation 2018/1725 adopted by Commission Implementing Decision of 10.07.2023 pursuant to Regulation (E) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adequate level of protection of personal data under the EU-US data Privacy Framework.

The privacy policy of Aventri (STOVA) can be consulted at the following link: [Privacy Policy - Stova](#).

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, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or 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), 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 by writing to GROW-I1@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.

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,

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GROW.I1@ec.europa.eu

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

In case of disagreement with the Data Controller, 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 or https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-role-supervisor/complaints_en) 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 DPO publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the 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-16628.