

# PRIVACY STATEMENT - DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

FOR THE PURPOSE OF

PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT "GLOBAL EXCHANGE ON RELIGION IN SOCIETY – GERIS" BY THE EEAS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The protection of your personal data and privacy is of great importance to the institutions and bodies of the European Union, and in particular to the Service of Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) of the European Commission and to the European External Action Service (EEAS), including the Union Delegations. You have the right under EU law to be informed when your personal data is processed [collected, used, stored] as well as about the purpose and details of that processing. When handling personal data, we respect the principles of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and in particular Article 8 on data protection. Your personal data are processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 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, aligned with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation. In this privacy statement you find information about how the EEAS and EU Delegations process your personal data and what rights you have as a data subject.

### 2. PURPOSE OF DATA PROCESSING: Why do we process your data?

The purpose of the present processing activity is to ensure the selection procedure and, for those selected, participation in the activities of the GERIS project.

Through this action, the European Commission (FPI) and the EEAS will set up an international exchange platform to share positive experiences of co-existence among people of different faiths and philosophical beliefs in societies across the globe. The platform will connect people inside and outside the EU. It will facilitate the spread of best practices on promoting respect for one another and fostering social inclusion, to create transnational networks of actors from different faith traditions and none.

In the context of the call for applications, the processing of data will be used for the selection of participants. Personal data of selected participants will be further used for enabling interaction with and among participants, among others by implementing exchange visits, virtual meet-ups, networks (social media content creators, alumni), spin-off dialogues and micro projects related to the subject matter of the action. We will provide you with details on these activities, upon your selection. Specific privacy statements that cover processing in the context of such activities, will be communicated to selected participants in due course.

Your personal data will <u>not</u> be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

#### 3. DATA PROCESSED: What data do we process?

The data, including personal data, which may be processed for that purpose are the following:

- Identification data (name, email address, job title, name of organisation)
- Data about your experience, interests, qualifications and other data related to your life you decide to share (CVs and motivation letters).
- Data revealing religious or philosophical beliefs may be revealed by your application, considering that the objective of the project is to open a dialogue with civil society on the role of religion. Your participation in the project is not contingent on the provision of such data, which may be provided by you on a voluntary basis. Such data is processed solely to ensure representation of different religious and non-religious groups in the project and it is processed based on your explicit consent.
- Information you provide during the exchanges.

# 4. DATA CONTROLLER: Who is entrusted with processing your data?

The data controllers determining the purpose and the means of the processing activity are the FPI and EEAS. The FPI and EEAS organisational entities entrusted with managing the personal data processing are:

# FPI.4 Unit - Industrialised Countries & Foreign Policy Support EEAS GLOBAL6 – Multilateral Relations EEAS SG1 – Strategic policy planning

### 5. RECIPIENTS OF THE PERSONAL DATA: Who has access to your data?

The recipients of your data may be:

- Assigned staff of the European Commission and the EEAS
- The service provider (Processor), contracted by the Commission. The processor is Particip GmbH
- An Advisory Board of external experts, appointed by FPI and EEAS for providing advice on the project.

Upon your selection, some of your personal data will be shared with other participants in the context of project activities. Some of these participants will be from countries outside the EEA as this is an international project. Additionally, for the organisation of future visits, data may have to be transferred to local service providers. Upon your selection, we will provide you with further details on how your data is processed, including potential transfers of your data outside the EEA and the applicable safeguards.

In the context of the selection procedure, your personal data will not be transferred to a country outside the EEA or an international organisation.

Your personal data will not be communicated to third parties, except where necessary for the purposes outlined above.

### 6. ACCESS, RECTIFICATION AND ERASURE OF DATA: What rights do you have?

You have the right of access to your personal data and the right to correct any inaccurate or incomplete personal data. The right of rectification can only apply to factual data processed, taking into account the purpose of the processing. Under certain conditions, you have the right to ask the deletion of your personal data or restrict their use as well as to object at any time to the processing of your personal data on grounds relating to your particular situation. We will consider your request, take a decision and communicate it to you without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. That period may be extended by two further months where necessary. For more detailed legal references, you can find information in Articles 14 to 21, 23 and 24 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. In specific cases, restrictions under Article 25 of the Regulation may apply. If you would like to exercise your rights or have questions concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to the Data Controller via the functional mailbox, managed by its contractor: geris@particip.com

### 7. LEGAL BASIS: On what grounds we collect your data?

Processing of data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest [art.5(1)(a) of Reg. (EU) 2018/1725]. Specifically, such processing is based on Art. 1(2)(d) of the Regulation (EU) 234/2014 establishing a Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries ("Partnership Instrument Regulation"), as well as on art. 11 of the Treaty on the European Union.

The project is funded under the Partnership Instrument Regulation. Processing in the context of this project is necessary to maintain a transparent and regular dialogue with civil society as well as to enhance understanding and visibility of the Union.

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Processing of special categories of data (e.g. data revealing religion or philosophical beliefs) may occur, if such data is provided voluntarily by you, based on your explicit consent [art. 5(1)(d) of Reg.(EU) 2018/1725].

If transfer of your data to third countries or international organisations may be necessary, we will indicate its legal basis to you or ask for your consent to transfer the data.

Your participation in the project, including your subsequent registration on the platform, is voluntary.

Further legal reference: <u>Council Decision of 26 July 2010 establishing the organisation and functioning of the EEAS (2010/427/EU)</u> – OJ L 201, 3/8/2010, p. 30.

## 8. TIME LIMIT - DATA STORING: For what period and how we process your data?

Personal data is kept for a maximum period of 2 years from the conclusion of the project.

Security of data: Appropriate organisational and technical measures are ensured according to Article 33 of Reg. (EU) 2018/1725. The collected personal data are stored on servers that abide by pertinent security rules. 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, of the EEAS or of their contractors. Hard copies of information and storage media are stored securely. Processing operations are carried out pursuant to the <a href="Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46">Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46</a> 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. The contractors store all data within the European Union.

## 9. EEAS DATA PROTECTION OFFICER: Any questions to the DPO?

If you have enquiries you can also contact the EEAS Data Protection Officer at <a href="mailto:data-protection@eeas.europa.eu">data-protection@eeas.europa.eu</a> and/or the Commission Data Protection Officer at <a href="mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu">DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu</a>

#### 10. RECOURSE

You have, at any time, the right to have recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor at <a href="mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu">edps@edps.europa.eu</a>.