



Online participants' survey relating to the workshop organised by the EESC in the context of the preparation of the own initiative opinion on A comprehensive strategy for biodiversity at COP16: bringing all sectors together for a common goal

Data protection notice

1. Introduction

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) (EUDPR). Your personal data may be collected and processed in order to be able to contact you in case any clarifications are needed following the submission of your contribution, or to further discuss the views of your organisation on the topic.

2. Who is responsible for the processing of personal data?

The EESC is responsible (as controller) for the processing of personal data. The responsible service (delegated controller) is unit EESC.SG.B.3_NAT "Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment" in the Directorate for Legislative Works (Directorate B). Contact: Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, Belgium (nat-events@eesc.europa.eu)

3. What is the purpose of the data processing?

The EESC is currently working on an own initiative opinion on A comprehensive strategy for biodiversity at COP16: bringing all sectors together for a common goal. As part of the opinion-making process, a workshop was organised to gather input on the topic. This survey aims to receive feedback from the participants. The personal data transmitted is limited to the gender and the choice of EESC Member or External participant and may be processed exclusively for the purpose of having a certain indication of the origin of the contribution.

4. What is the legal basis for the processing?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5.1.a of the EUDPR, according to which "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".

5. **What personal data are processed?**

The following categories of personal data are concerned for the selection: • data identifying the candidate: gender and the identification of the participant (EESC Member or External participant)

6. **Who are the recipients or categories of recipients of your personal data?**

Access to your personal data is only provided to authorised staff of European Economic and Social Committee.

7. **Are your personal data transferred to a third country or international organisation?**

Your personal data will not be transferred to a third country or international organisation

8. **How can you exercise your rights?**

You have the right to access your personal data, to rectify any inaccurate or incomplete personal data, to restrict (under certain conditions) the processing of your personal data, to request the deletion of your personal data (if processed unlawfully) and, where applicable, the right to data portability. You have the right to object to the processing of your data on grounds relating to your particular situation, at any time. You also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Please note that withdrawal of consent will not have retroactive effect. You can direct your queries to nat-events@eesc.europa.eu. Your query will be dealt 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. You have the right of recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor if you consider that your rights under the EUDPR have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the EESC.

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9. **How long are your personal data kept for?**

Your personal data will only be kept until the adoption of the EESC opinion on A comprehensive strategy for biodiversity at COP16: bringing all sectors together for a common goal (currently scheduled for 18 and 19 S2024), after which they will be deleted.

10. **Are personal data collected used for automated decision-making, including profiling?**

The EESC will not use your personal data to make automated decisions about you. "Automated decisions" are defined as decisions made without human intervention.

11. **Will your personal data be further processed for a purpose other than that for which the data were obtained?**

Your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose.

12. **Who can you contact if you have queries or complaints?**

If you have any further questions about the processing of your personal data, please contact first of all the data controller: nat-events@eesc.europa.eu. You may also contact the EESC data protection officer by using the relevant [contact form](#) and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor by using the relevant [contact form](#) at any time.
