



Consultation

EESC opinion

Civil society's vision for a European Oceans Pact

Data protection notice

[Regulation \(EU\) No 2018/1725](#) applies to the processing of personal data collected in the context of the online consultation in view of the EESC's opinion on Civil society's vision for a European Oceans Pact.

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

The European Economic and Social Committee is responsible for the processing of personal data. While EESC is in charge of launching the EUSurvey and collecting the information, the Rapporteur nominated will analyse together with the EESC staff the submitted input. The responsible service within the EESC is the unit EESC.SG.B.3_NAT "Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment" in the Directorate for Legislative Works (Directorate B). Contact: Gaia BOTTONI, Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, Belgium (NATsecretariat@eesc.europa.eu).

2. What is the purpose of the processing?

The Commission has requested an exploratory opinion [Civil society's vision for a European Oceans Pact](#) from the EESC to gather the views of civil society on the following aspects:

- The economic and social challenges facing **coastal communities** and how the European Oceans Pact can help to address them;
- The opportunities that the EU Oceans Pact can bring to coastal communities, including in terms of job creation, sustainable growth and social cohesion;
- The specific deliverables that can be envisaged within the Pact to **support healthy and productive oceans**, promote the economic and social development of resilient coastal areas and boost the sustainable blue economy;
- The ocean **governance** model that the EU can promote in its sea basins and how it can be a model for ocean management;

The **consultation** will be an opportunity to gather input from civil society organisations and contribute to the development of a strategic and comprehensive approach to the ocean.

The personal data transmitted may be processed exclusively for the purposes of:

- collecting and analysing the submitted input;

3. What is the legal basis for the processing?

Lawfulness of processing is based on Article 5(1)(a), Article 5(1)(d) and Recital 22 of Regulation (EC) No 2018/1725.

4. What personal data are processed?

The following categories of personal data are relevant to the selection:

- data identifying the person : gender, nationality;
- contact details: first name, surname; organisation; email address,

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

Access to your personal data is only provided to authorised staff of the EESC and the Rapporteur nominated for the opinion.

6. Are your personal data transferred to a third country (non-EU Member State) or international organisation?

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

7. How can you exercise your rights?

You have the right to request access to your personal data. Also, you have the right to request rectification or erasure of your personal data or restriction of the processing of your personal data.

Where applicable, you have the right to object to the processing of your data. Where applicable, you have the right to receive your personal data provided to the controller or to have your personal data transmitted directly to another controller (data portability).

You can direct your queries to (NATsecretariat@eesc.europa.eu). The query will be dealt with within 15 working days.

You have the right to lodge a complaint to the European Data Protection Supervisor (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 EESC.

8. How long are your personal data kept for?

Your personal data will only be kept until the opinion is adopted (approx. March 2025).

9. 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. You have the right to opt out of automated processing at any time and to require that decisions are assessed by a person.

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

The data submitted via the online consultation form will not be further processed for a purpose other than that for which the data were obtained.

11. 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 the unit in charge of the processing of your personal data (NATsecretariat@eesc.europa.eu). You may also contact the EESC Data Protection Officer (data.protection@eesc.europa.eu) and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) at any time.