



Antiplagiarism checks (StrikePlagiarism)

Data Protection Notice

1. Introduction

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has entrusted Plagiat.pl Sp. z o. o. (hereafter the 'Contractor') to provide a tool to conduct antiplagiarism checks. The EESC and the Contractor are committed to respecting and protecting your personal data in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) (EUDPR) and [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679](#) (GDPR) respectively.

Your personal data may be collected and processed for submitting draft documents for antiplagiarism checks prior to publication and for providing results of such checks to responsible EESC services and the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), who is the lead contracting authority for the joint framework contract that require such checks.

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 the Foresight, Studies and Policy Assessment (FSA) unit, Rue Belliard 99, B-1000 Brussels (studies-eesc@eesc.europa.eu).

The processor of personal data is the Contractor, acting on behalf of the controller under its instructions.

3. What is the purpose of the processing?

- Submit draft documents for antiplagiarism detection (similarity analysis) prior to publication.
- Provide results of such analysis to requesting services and for reporting purposes to the EPRS.

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'. The processor may in turn process personal data submitted by virtue of Article 6.1.e GDPR (in the public interest).

5. What personal data are processed?

The following personal data are either collected by external authors or provided by data subjects themselves (e.g. Administrators of the tool at the EESC):

- First and last names
- Role in the organisation
- Organisation name
- Email address
- IP address (processed by the Contractor for Administrators only)

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

For the purposes detailed above, access to your personal data is given or may be given to the following people:

- EESC staff responsible for antiplagiarism checks and staff in requesting services responsible for publication of the documents to be checked.
- Staff in Directorate B of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), responsible as lead contracting authority for the framework contract.

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

Your personal data are not transferred to non-EU/EEA Member States or to international organisations.

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 can direct your queries to studies-eesc@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.

9. How long are your personal data kept for?

Your personal data are kept as follows:

- The personal data submitted to the processor will be kept until the contract expires, after which they shall be deleted.
- The personal data stored in the resulting similarity reports will be kept by the EESC for a period of 10 years after publication of each analysed document.

10. Are the 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 data have been 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, at studies-eesc@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.