



## **Publication of meetings of EESC office-holding members with interest representatives**

### **Data Protection Notice**

[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) applies to the processing of personal data in the context of the publication of meetings of EESC office-holding members with interest representatives.

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

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is responsible (as controller) for the processing of personal data.

The responsible service is the team of the EESC Secretary-General (TeamSG): [team-sg@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:team-sg@eesc.europa.eu), Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99 | 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel | BELGIQUE/BELGIË.

#### **2. What is the purpose of the processing?**

On 25 October 2022, the EESC Bureau decided in principle on the EESC participation in the EU Transparency Register established by the Interinstitutional Agreement (IIA) of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission.

On 21 March the EESC Bureau adopted a decision in terms of compliance with the Transparency Register encompassing three measures, among which the obligation for EESC office-holding members to publish their lists of meetings with interest representatives, as identified by the IIA.

Pursuant to the Bureau decision, Committee office-holding members shall make public information on all meetings held by them with interest representatives on issues relating to policy-making and implementation in the Union. More specifically, the information to be made public shall consist of the date of the meeting, the location, the name of the Committee office-holding member, the name of the interest representative and the subject of the meeting.

#### **3. What is the legal basis for the processing?**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5.1.a of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (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".

#### **4. What personal data are processed?**

As stated above, the list of meetings shall include 4 types of information: the date of the meeting, the location, the name of the Committee office-holding member, the name of the interest representative and the subject of the meeting. Consequently, as all these information are tied to a natural or legal person, they are to be considered as personal data.

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

##### **1) Within the organisation**

EESC staff members of the secretariats working with the designated office-holding members and members of staff of the data controller who are involved in the general coordination of this exercise.

##### **2) Outside the organisation**

The information shall be made publicly available to everyone on the EESC website through the individual pages of the office-holding members concerned.

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

No.

#### **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.

You have the right to object to the processing of your data and 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 [team-sg@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:team-sg@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](mailto: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?**

The list of meetings shall be available on the concerned members' pages for the duration of their current mandate as an office-holding position. The lists shall be deleted thereafter and new ones shall be created if the member in question occupies a different office-holding position. If the member's mandate is renewed in the same position, the previous list shall remain and will keep being updated

as foreseen. In the latter case, in the event of successive mandates in the same position, data shall not be kept for more than 10 years.

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

No.

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

No.

**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, ([team-sg@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:team-sg@eesc.europa.eu)). You may also contact the EESC Data Protection Officer ([data.protection@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:data.protection@eesc.europa.eu)) and/or the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#) ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) at any time.