



## **"Legislative footprint" annex in EESC opinions**

### **Data Protection Notice**

[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) applies to the processing of personal data collected for the drafting and inclusion of an optional annex entitled "legislative footprint" in EESC opinions.

#### **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, a model for a voluntary "legislative footprint", collecting a non-exhaustive list of organisations and individuals from whom the rapporteur has received input in drawing up the opinion or report, is established. This legislative footprint shall be drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur and attached to opinions or reports on a purely voluntary basis.

In this context, for the purposes of including a "legislative footprint" annex to EESC opinions, some personal data may be extracted and processed.

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

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5.1.d of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (EUDPR): "the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes".

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

The specimen of the "legislative footprint" annex to EESC opinion, which is included in the Bureau decision, contains only one column which is entitled "*Organisations and/or self-employed individuals*". In essence, only the name of individuals or the title of organisations is processed for the purposes of attaining transparency.

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

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

EESC staff members of the Section and CCMI secretariats, which are in charge of assisting rapporteurs with the drafting of the "legislative footprint" annex to the draft opinions, and members of staff of the data controller who are involved in the general coordination of this exercise.

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

EESC opinions are publicly available to everyone on the EESC official website and on the EUR-Lex website (Note: EESC opinions are always published in the EU Official Journal). Should the Rapporteur decide to include a "legislative footprint" annex to the opinion, the annex and the information herein contained will fully form part of the opinion, and will thus also be publicly available to everyone. Similarly, EESC reports are always available on the EESC official website.

#### **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.

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) and you also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

You can direct your queries to mailto: [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?**

For transparency reasons, the information which has been made available on the public EESC website and EUR-Lex website is kept thereon for an indefinite period of time. However, you may ask for rectification or erasure of your data in accordance with section 7 above.

Any personal data collected by the EESC administrative services for the purposes of the preparation of the opinion, shall be kept for a period of 10 years before being deleted.

**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.