



Privacy statement:
Selection process of the EESC Youth Delegate to COP
COP 28 and COP 29
(2023-2025)

[Regulation \(EU\) No 2018/1725](#) applies to the processing of personal data collected during the selection of the youth representative that will join the official EESC delegation to UNFCCC COP meetings for a mandate of two years (2023-2025). The processing of personal data is necessary in order to select and appoint the most suitable candidate.

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

The European Economic and Social Committee, the European Youth Forum and Generation Climate Europe are responsible (as joint controllers) for the processing of personal data. While the EESC is in charge of producing and launching the online application form, the European Youth Forum and Generation Climate Europe will collect the submitted forms, analyse the applications and conduct the preselection of the short list of the five final candidates. The EESC, the European Youth Forum and Generation Climate Europe will be jointly responsible for the final selection of the youth delegate. 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: Judit CARRERAS GARCIA, Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, Belgium (nat-events@eesc.europa.eu).

2. What is the purpose of the processing?

The EESC adopted the opinion on [Towards structured youth engagement on climate and sustainability in the EU decision-making process](#) in 2020. One of the main recommendations was the inclusion of a youth delegate in the official EESC delegation to UNFCCC COP meetings, which holds observer status at such events. The EESC implemented the measure for the first time in 2021 and as the mandate of the first youth delegate is now coming to an end, the EESC is seeking a youth representative that could join the EESC delegation to UNFCCC COP meetings in 2023 and 2024.

The youth representative will be selected from a pool of candidates kept on a database available to the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Youth Forum and Generation Climate Europe. The purpose of processing personal data submitted via this ad hoc online application form is to efficiently collect applications addressed to the EESC and identify potential candidates to join the EESC official delegation to COP 28 and COP 29.

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

- identifying potential candidates for the selection process;

- checking that applications comply with the necessary requirements.

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 concerned for the selection:

- data identifying the candidate: first name, surname, gender, age, nationality;
- contacts details provided by the candidate to be contacted in case of a successful application: phone number, email address, address of residence;
- specific information provided by the candidate to allow the evaluation of the application: availability for the two-year mandate, motivation to apply, expectations, previous experiences.

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 European Economic and Social Committee, the European Youth Forum and Generation Climate Europe.

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 (nat-events@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 for the duration of the selection procedure, after which they will be deleted. The personal data of the shortlisted candidates will be kept for the duration of the two-year mandate.

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 application 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 (nat-events@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.