



European Economic  
and Social Committee

**Privacy statement:  
Information visits**

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC),  
Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

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

Your visit is organised by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), which is the data controller in charge of the processing of your personal data. The service responsible for processing your personal data on behalf of the controller is:

*Visits and Publications Unit*  
Directorate D – Communication  
European Economic and Social committee  
Rue Belliardstraat 99, 1040 Brussels  
[visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu)

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

Your personal data will be processed in order to:

- register you for your visit, or virtual visit, at the European Economic and Social Committee
- provide access to the venue, or to the virtual interface
- fulfil the communication objectives of your visit: pictures and videos of visitors may be taken during the visit and may be used for the purpose of promoting the EESC activities internally (e.g. PowerPoint, activity reports, publications) and externally (e.g. social media, web. (with your consent only)
- send you invitations to future events the EESC may organise (with your consent only)

The EESC is not responsible for recordings (such as photographs or videos) made by participants in a private capacity.

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

[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) applies to the processing of your personal data collected for the organisation and management of this public hearing. The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is Article 5(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in a Union institution or body. The EESC exercises its tasks as set out in Articles 300-304 of the [Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union](#).

The processing of certain categories of your personal data as described in this privacy statement will be carried out based on your consent (Article 5(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725).

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

The following personal data will be processed:

- information necessary for your registration: first name, last name, country, email address, name of organisation

Your consent is required for:

- taking photos and recording video / audio related to your visit, or to your virtual visit
- receiving informative material on the EESC general activity and organization as well as invitations to events the Visits & Publications unit may organise. Information requested: first name, last name, country, email address, organization and nationality.

You can provide your [consent via this form](#).

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

The recipients of your data will be the EESC staff in charge of the organisation, management and follow-up of this event.

Under certain conditions defined in law, we may disclose your information to third parties (such as the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors or law enforcement authorities) if it is necessary and proportionate for lawful, specific purposes.

We will never share your personal data for direct marketing purposes.

Photographs could be published in the context of your visit of the EESC and in the framework of EESC activities on the web, including via social media. If need be, the files containing the video materials may be slightly altered (for example, brightness and contrast) so that they can be used for the purposes for which they were taken.

We use social media to provide information about and promote our public debates through widely-used channels: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube. The use of social media does not in any way imply endorsement of their privacy policies. In the event that one or more social media are unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime. We recommend that users read the [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) privacy policies. Each company explains its policy of data collection and processing, its use of data, user rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using these services.

#### **6. How can you exercise your rights?**

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

You also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Please note that withdrawal of consent will not have retroactive effect (processing of your personal data based on your consent before withdrawal is lawful up to the moment when you withdraw your consent).

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 [visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu). The query will be dealt with within 15 working days.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with 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.

#### **7. How long are your personal data kept for?**

Your data (excluding photos, audio and video recordings that have been published and personal data provided for accreditation purposes) will be kept for a maximum period of 12 months after the end of the event, unless you explicitly agree to your contact details being kept in order to receive invitations to future similar events organised by the EESC.

If you wish to delete these data at any time after you have given your consent, please contact us at [visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu) and we will do so within 15 working days upon receipt of your request or after the latest correspondence with you about your request.

Your photos, audio and video recordings that have been published (for example on the web or in publications) will remain in that format indefinitely.

#### **8. 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 non-EU member state and/or international organisation.

#### **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 be assessed by a person.

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

Your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose than the ones mentioned above.

#### **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: Unit for Visits and Publications, email: [visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:visitEESC@eesc.europa.eu)

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

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