

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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1. **Introduction**

This statement concerns the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, undertaken by DG SANTE – Animal Welfare (Unit G3). The Controller is the Head of Unit "Animal Welfare".

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your data.

The European institutions are committed to protect and respect your privacy. As this service/application collects and further processes personal data, Regulation (EU) 2018/1725¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable. This Regulation is repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

2. **Why do we process your data?**

The purpose of the processing operation is to collect and further process your personal information to provide the members of the Platform with a collaborative instrument that can facilitate dialogue and

¹ [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) (OJ L295 of 21/11/2018).

information exchange among each other, strengthen synergies and make voluntary commitments on animal welfare issues that are relevant at an EU level.

The EU Platform on Animal Welfare has been established following the EU Commission Decision of 24 January 2017¹. In 2019² and then in 2021³, the Commission prolonged its period of application. The mandate of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare is now renewed until 30 June 2025.

Article 5(a) of Regulation 2018/1725 ensures the lawfulness of processing.

Which data do we collect and process?

The personal data collected and further processed are:

- Name and Surname;
- Nationality;
- Function;
- Contact details (e-mail address, telephone number, mobile telephone number, fax number, postal address, company and department, country of residence, IP address);
- Information for the evaluation of selection criteria or eligibility criteria: expertise, technical skills and languages, educational background, professional experience including details on current and past employment;
- Users' comments and documents, in as much as they allow for their direct or indirect identification.

3. How long do we keep your data?

Personal data of the users of the system will be retained as long as the user is active on the Digital Tool of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare. As there is no automatic deletion of users based on inactivity, the Moderator shall perform checks of activity regularly and take action in case of obsolete information. In general, the retention of the data must not exceed one month after the end of the mandate of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare. This time will allow the moderator to establish statistics on the efficiency of the IT tool.

Once the user decides to terminate its activity on the Digital Tool or as a member of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, a proper cancellation request should be submitted to the Moderator, who shall take action within 10 working days from the receipt of the request. Personal data of individuals that ceased to be members of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare should be deleted maximum two months after the end of their membership in the Platform.

No data shall be stored for longer periods than mentioned above.

1 <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32017D0131%2801%29>

2 [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019D1202\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32019D1202(01))

3 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021D0512%2802%29&qid=1620831689019>

4. **How do we protect your data?**

The collected personal data and all related information are stored on servers of a computer centre of DG DIGIT issuing the call for application. The Commission premises and operations of all computer centres abide by the Commission's security decisions and provisions established by the Directorate General Human Resources and Security.

All exchanges of information which take place on the Digital Tool of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare are validated a posteriori by a moderator from the Commission services, following the Terms and Conditions which includes references to good practices to be followed by registered users. The users are requested in the “Terms and Conditions” to not upload any personal data in their exchanges in the Digital tool. If that were to be the case, the moderator can request the user to eliminate it.

The general security and safety measures for the Commission infrastructure and networks have been implemented (see Generic notification DPO-1-6 on IT infrastructure for Commission services by DG DIGIT).

5. **Who has access to your data and to whom is it disclosed?**

Recipients are the authorised system users only:

- European Commission staff;
- Members of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare;
- Additional experts designated by their member organisation to participate in specific subgroups, but who are not permanent members of the Platform as such;
- Observers (Switzerland and the three EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare), according to Article 10 of the Commission Decision C/2017/0280).

A full list of authorised users can be consulted at the following link:
<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3504>

All data, including personal data, are processed by Commission authorised staff only. Access to your data is provided to authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Data such as name and surname, nationality, function, company/organisation/institution providing employment to the subject, contact details (e.g. e-mail address) may be available to other users of the Digital Tool of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare.

Information in this platform, including personal data, may fall under the scope of the Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents and may be subject to access requests.

The information provided may also be shared with specific EU bodies for auditing and legal purposes, such as, but not limited to, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, OLAF or the European Ombudsman.

6. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

According to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, you are entitled to access your personal data and rectify them in case the data is inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability. You can exercise your rights by contacting the data controller, or in case of conflict the European Commission's Data Protection Officer and if necessary the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), using the contact information given at point 7 below.

For the processing of your personal data in related systems (EU Login, SAAS), as well as in the COM Expert Group Register, please consult the DPO notifications, which contain specific privacy statements for each of these processing operations, in point 8 below.

7. Contact information

If you have comments or questions, any concerns or a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller using the following contact information:

The Data Controller:

- Head of Unit "Animal Welfare" – DG SANTE
- SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission: DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS): edps@edps.europa.eu.

8. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer publishes the register of all operations processing personal data. You can access the register on the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>