



GROWTH E-SERVICES - PRIVACY STATEMENT

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, which is responsible for the above e-services, is committed to user privacy.

Our policy on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of their personal data is based on the following EU legislation:

- [Regulation \(EC\) No 45/2001](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (Official Journal L 008, 12/01/2001 p. 1–22)

As a supranational body the European Commission is not subject to the legislation applicable to the Member States. It complies, however, with:

- [Directive 95/46/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (Official Journal L 281, 23/11/1995 p. 31–50), and
- [Directive 2002/58/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (Directive on privacy and electronic communications) (Official Journal L 201, 31/07/2002, p. 37–47)

1. WHAT USE DO WE MAKE OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA? WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION? TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?

Whereas you can browse our pages freely, the use of our e-services may require your registration (subscription to the e-newsletter, conference registration, delivery of paper publications, etc.). The personal data supplied by you with your registration is collected only to the extent necessary to process your request. It may, however, be used for managing mailing lists, collating readership statistics and conducting readership surveys for European Commission publications. The information you choose to provide may also be used to notify you of future DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs activities (events, publications, etc.).

If the European Commission officials responsible for managing the Growth e-services and authorised to deal with your personal data are unable to answer your question or fulfil your request, they will forward it to the competent European Commission service.

You will receive a message informing you about the reassignment. No personal data are shared with third parties for marketing purposes.

2. HOW DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?

The data collected in order to enable us to provide you with the requested e-services are not accessible by anyone outside the European Commission. Inside the European Commission the data can only be accessed by designated European Commission officials, using a username and password combination.

3. HOW CAN YOU VERIFY, MODIFY OR DELETE YOUR INFORMATION?

Your Growth e-services password gives you direct access to your personal data, which you may check or modify at any time. You may also ask to be removed from the database. To exercise this right, please contact grow-general-information@ec.europa.eu

If you feel that your rights with respect to the protection of your personal data have been violated, you have the right to address the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).

4. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?

All data received is stored for as long as it is needed in order to process your subscriptions and requests. With respect to requests for information under the [Code of Good Administrative Behaviour](#) and requests for access to documents under [Regulation \(EC\) 1049/2001](#), your data is kept for up to five years in compliance with the European Commission provisions on the preservation of files. Part of your data may be kept longer for statistical reasons, but only once any reference to your identity has been removed (i.e. e-mail address, first name and last name).

5. ANY QUESTIONS?

Should you have any question or request concerning your submitted information, please send an email to the following mailbox: grow-general-information@ec.europa.eu.