

## **Eurostat Microdata Access Privacy Statement**

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#### **1. Introduction**

This privacy statement explains the reason Eurostat collects your personal data, the way the data will be handled, and how data protection will be ensured. It also explains what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

The European Commission is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. Since this service collects and processes your personal data, [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725 on the protection of personal data by the Union institutions](#) is applicable.

#### **2. Why does Eurostat collect and process your personal data?**

Eurostat (as Data Controller) collects and uses your personal information to verify compliance with the contractual provisions regarding access to confidential data for scientific purposes (referred to hereafter as microdata files).

All researchers requesting access to European microdata must complete the research proposal and agree to a confidentiality declaration, which specifies the conditions for access, the obligations of the researchers, measures for respecting the confidentiality of statistical data, and the sanctions imposed in the event of a breach. For this reason, Eurostat must collect and retain the personal details of named individuals.

In addition, Eurostat collects the information about individuals representing research entities to which researchers belong (the duly designated representative and contact person).

#### **3. Lawfulness of the processing operation**

In line with Articles 5 1. a) and b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of personal data by the Union institutions, we process your personal data because it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and because it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

This legal obligation is laid down in [Regulation \(EU\) No 557/2013](#) on access to confidential data for scientific purposes.

#### **4. Which data do we collect and process?**

The personal data collected and processed are all required to effect the necessary microdata access controls. These comprise: name, position, office telephone number, mobile telephone number, e-mail address, and postal address.

#### **5. How long will your data be held?**

The Eurostat Data Controller will retain the data only for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of its collection. Generally, for researchers this will be in accordance with the duration of your research proposal plus the period necessary to close the project. For research entity representatives, this will be in accordance with the expiry or termination of your institutions' recognition by Eurostat as a research entity, or your association with it.

#### **6. How will your data be protected?**

All data will be held in electronic format and stored on the secure servers of the European Commission. The operations of these servers abide by the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

#### **7. Who has access to your data, and to whom is it disclosed?**

Only Eurostat (the section responsible for administering access to microdata, and the section responding to data collection requests), and representatives of national statistical authorities who are consulted on the research proposals, have access to your personal data. No other persons or bodies will have access to your personal data. Your personal data will not be transmitted to other EU institutions or bodies, except in the event of a breach of the confidentiality declaration concerning the confidentiality of statistical data discussed in paragraph 2 above.

#### **8. 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, block or delete it if it is inaccurate, incomplete, or if its retention by Eurostat is no longer necessary. You may exercise your rights by contacting Eurostat or, in the case of conflict, the Data Protection Officer of the European Commission. If you disagree with how your case has been handled, you can take the matter to the European Data Protection Supervisor. Contact information is provided in paragraph 9 below.

#### **9. Contact information**

If you have comments, questions, concerns or a complaint regarding this privacy statement, and the collection and use of your personal data for the purposes set out above, please contact Eurostat in the first instance. Their details are as follows:

Eurostat: Unit A5 dealing with microdata access requests: [estat-microdata-access@ec.europa.eu](mailto:estat-microdata-access@ec.europa.eu)

In the case of conflict, the Data Protection Officer of the European Commission can be contacted at: [DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)

If necessary, the European Data Protection Supervisor can be contacted at: [edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)

#### **10. Where to find more details**

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>. This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: R- DPR-EC-00852.