EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

**This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.**

**Processing operation:** Support around the High-Level Meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, 11 May 2026, Brussels - Belgium

**Data Controller:**
European Commission – DG ENEST
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## 1. Introduction

The European Commission is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the Support around the High-Level Meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, 11 May 2026, Brussels - Belgium. It explains the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation Support around the High-Level Meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, 11 May 2026, Brussels - Belgium, undertaken by the data Controller, is presented below.

## 2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: Data Controller collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the Support around the High-Level Meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, 11 May 2026, Brussels - Belgium (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in the event, in specific sessions of the programme, and for logistical arrangements (travel, accommodation, local transport, catering if applicable);

Audio-visual recording at the Support around the High-Level Meeting of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children of the speakers, organisers, moderators and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers, participants, moderators will be taken and published for promotion and communication about the event in the framework of the European Commission activities and to ensure transparency by allowing the dissemination of the European Commission's actions towards its citizens on the European Commission's internal and external communication channels, webpages and social media channels.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the event, in the videos, or in individual short interviews. The organiser will clearly indicate to participants before entering if an area will be used for photographs or filming. Participants entering these areas where they may be filmed or have their picture taken, are giving consent to and authorize the European Commission, the right to film, photograph, and to make sound recordings of them.

For logistical reasons, participants that do not wish to be part of the above publishing activities will have to sit in the dedicated areas (e.g. back rows of the rooms used for the plenary sessions) and to wear the specific sign that participants will have to collect onsite at the registration desk before the start of the event.

Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision-making including profiling.

## 3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the EVENT in Brussels taking place on 11 May 2026 (including photos, audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union by allowing the dissemination of the European Commission's actions towards its citizens, as well as Regulation (EU) 2021/947 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe. Consequently, those processing operations are lawful under **Article 5(1)(a)** of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body).

The processing operations on personal data of the speakers and moderators for the EVENT with whom a contract is concluded, are carried out in line with the contractual provisions. Consequently, that processing is necessary and lawful under **Article 5(1)(c**) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract).

Your consent is required for:

- The processing of your personal data related to dietary requirements to the catering company (if applicable);
- The processing of your personal data related to access requirements (wheelchair, …);
- Taking of your picture and audio-visual recording individually or in groups and their publication on the European Commission's internal and external communication channels, webpages and social media channels for promotional purposes of the event;
- Including your last name, first name, organisation, function and country on the participants list;
- The processing of your personal data for invitation to future events the data controller may organize;
- The processing of your personal data with external providers (organisers, ...).

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under **Article 5(1)(d)** of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box(es) on the online registration form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time:

- for withdrawing consent that you have provided in order to benefit from these services, please contact the controller of the event at:

ENEST-INFO@ec.europa.eu

## 4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In the framework of your **registration to the event** the following personal data will be processed:

- function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, short bio
- specific dietary requirements (if any);

For logistical arrangements (Vpass) the following personal data may be processed:

- title, first name, last name,
- nationality, passport or identity card number and its date of issue and expiry date; a copy of the passport (only name and passport number visible) may be requested in order to ensure that the name on the passport is exactly the same as the name on the flight ticket.

In the **framework of the event** the following personal data will be processed:

- audio-visual recording and photos,
- voice, image and personal opinions expressed, for the speaker and participants attending the meeting onsite,
- participants' identifiers, participants' comments during the event, participants' name list (available to participants only during the event).

The following personal data may be processed **after the event**:

- contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address) short bio;
- audio-visual recording and photos.

## 5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- Personal data related to the organisation and management of the event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for five **(5) years** after the event.

- Personal data shared with the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security of the European Commission for the participants to gain access to Commission buildings is kept for 6 months after the event. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00655 (Commission Physical Access Control System (PACS)).

- The personal data, including photographs and/or audio-visual recordings, published on intranet page and the external websites of DG ENEST will be kept according to the retention period foreseen in the Commission's record DPR-EC-01888 - My IntraComm (intranet and collaboration portal) and the retention period foreseen for the specific website.

- The personal data, including photographs and/or audio-visual recordings, published on social

media will be kept according to the retention period foreseen in the Commission's record DPR-EC-00074 - Audio-visual Services.

- In case of an online or hybrid meeting, the personal data will be kept for the duration foreseen in the respective Commission's record DPR-EC-2548, DPR-EC-04966 and DPR-EC-5006.

- When using third party IT services during a virtual conference or event, the Commission keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for the duration of the conference and for an additional period of up to 5 years in an anonymised format (Conference identifier, start time and duration). Record reference for Microsoft Teams: DPR-EC-04966. The content of the video/audio conference (documents, links, files etc) will be deleted after the termination of the session.

- Recordings from the web-streamed meeting or event will be kept (by the respective Commission service) for **1 year** before being deleted. More information is available in the Record DPR-EC-00306 (Web-streaming of Commission events).

- Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters, participating in working groups or invitations to similar events) are processed in line with the Record of Processing DPR-EC-03928 (Management of subscriptions to receive information) and the specific privacy statement prepared by the organising Commission service.

- Selected service providers for organisational purposes (such as caterers, travel agents or event management organisations) are contractually bound to process personal data on behalf of and in line with the instructions of the data controller, keep confidential any data they process and protect it from unauthorised access, use and retention.

## 6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission (including cloud-based infrastructure operated for or on behalf of the Commission) and of its contractor Destrée Organisation.

All processing operations are carried out pursuant to Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The Commission's contractor Destrée Organisation bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR' - Regulation (EU) 2016/679*)*.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

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

Access to your personal data is provided to the European Commission – DG ENEST staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to other authorized Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with service providers for the purposes of organising the event as well as subcontractor(s), namely Destrée Organisation, the catering company (for allergies).

Audio-visual recording, photos, videos might be published on the European Commission's internal and external communication channels, webpages and social media channels.

The registration for the event takes place via a secure registration form provided by Destrée Organisation for the European Commission (EventsAir by Centium).

## Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We may use third party IT tools for the organisation and promotion of the event - through widely used communication channels. For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00073 (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

In order to protect your privacy, our use of third-party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only in the event that you click on a button or "play" on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

In order to view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties' specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

The use of a third-party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. In the event that one or more third-party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

## International transfers

The European Commission will not transfer your personal data to recipients in a third country or to an international organization.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a

particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients. The further processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

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

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are 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 have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You have the right to withdraw your consent on processing of your personal data which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)d of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 at any time by notifying the data controller by email to: ENEST-INFO@ec.europa.eu

The withdrawal of your consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the data controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

## 9. Contact information

- **The Data Controller**

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, at: ENEST-INFO@ec.europa.eu
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- **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can 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 data controller.

## 10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the European Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via 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: DPR-EC-1063.