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**PRIVACY STATEMENT FOR THE SECURITY RESEARCH EVENT (SRE) 2025 TO TAKE PLACE IN WARSAW ON 24TH AND 25TH OF JUNE, ORGANISED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG HOME F.2.**

**Processing operation:** Processing of personal data linked to the organisation of the SRE event 2025

**Data Controller:** European Commission

**Record reference:** DPR-EC-1063.1

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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 an event, organised by the European Commission. 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 the processing of personal data linked to meetings and events, organised by the services of the European Commission, is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: the European Commission collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the SRE 2025 (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that event.

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

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the event of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and could be published in the context of the event at the social media of the Commission, at the Commission site on “Europa” domain ([https://security-research-event.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://security-research-event.ec.europa.eu/index_en) or [CERIS - Community for European Research and Innovation for Security \(europa.eu\)](#), or could be disseminated among the Commission “CERIS” newsletter subscribers.

The SRE 2025 will be live streamed on Youtube. This platform privacy policy is available here [https://www.youtube.com/intl/en\\_be/howyoutubeworks/our-commitments/protecting-user-data/](https://www.youtube.com/intl/en_be/howyoutubeworks/our-commitments/protecting-user-data/).

The audience or non-speaker participants could be photographed individually or in groups. They may also appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above web-streaming and recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing.

The registration form will provide the possibility to opt out from being recorded. The persons who use this option will be marked with their badges and red lanyards. Such persons are kindly requested to keep their red lanyards visible so their choice may be recognised by the Photo and Camera crews. In the Conference Hall area the last rows will be marked as ‘No Photo Zone’. Photo and Camera crews will be informed to avoid any recordings of such participants and this zone. Participants that do not have given their consent will be blurred in the recordings.

All audiovisual material will be reviewed before publication and in situations where photo or video of persons who used the opt-out option was accidentally taken in a group setting, their faces will be blurred making identification impossible.

### **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 meeting or event (including web-streaming, 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.*

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).

Your consent is required for the following actions during the SRE 2025:

- the processing of your personal data relating to your dietary requirements and/or access requirements;
- the sharing of the event participants list containing your name and affiliation with other participants.
- the capturing and publication of individual/group photos of the participants at the Commission portal on “Europa” domain (([https://security-research-event.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://security-research-event.ec.europa.eu/index_en) or [CERIS - Community for European Research and Innovation for Security \(europa.eu\)](https://ceris.europa.eu)) and the dissemination among the Commission “CERIS” newsletter subscribers.
- the processing of your personal data for managing your subscription to the CERIS newsletter.
- the processing of your personal data to participate in online polls, sharing of questions or idea or quizzes during the event using the audience participation tool, Sli.do;
- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise;
- the processing of your personal data for sharing reports and other documents related to the event;
- the web-streaming and publication of photos and audio-visual recordings depicting you in an identifiable way;
- where relevant (if concerned): publication on the event website and on the event website and ec.europa.eu website of the agenda with your name as speaker/moderator/rapporteur;

- where relevant (if concerned): the publication of the picture of speakers for event promotion.

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 other services, please contact the controller of the meeting/event at [HOME-SRE-2025@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HOME-SRE-2025@ec.europa.eu).
- The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

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

The following personal data may be processed in the context of the event:

- contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name/logo/description/type of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, telephone number, profile picture, etc);
- nationality, passport or identity card number and its date of issue and expiry date may be collected, so that the data subjects may obtain access to the premises where the meeting/event is held;
- dietary requests (if any) or specific access requirements.

#### **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 may be 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 meeting or event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for **five years** after the meeting or event.
- Sensitive personal data relating to dietary and/or access requirements will be deleted as soon as they are no longer necessary for the purpose for which they have been collected in the framework of the meeting or event, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of the meeting or event.
- Recordings from the web-streamed meeting or event will be kept for **2 years** before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306 (Web-streaming of Commission events).
- In case of audio-visual recording of the meeting or event, the recordings will be kept for **3 months** after the meeting or event before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-01937 (Audio-visual recording of meetings).

- 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 termination of the link between the data subject and the Commission. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00655 (Commission Physical Access Control System (PACS)).
- Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters 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 (*or of its contractors, the Contractor Tipik Communication Agency SA assists the controller in the organisation and management of the event*). 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.

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.

The Commission's processor Tipik Communication Agency SA (contractor) is bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processor has to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

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

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

*As the controller uses (a) service provider(s) (processor(s)) to assist the controller in the organisation of a specific meeting or event, the controller may also share your information with those service providers (**TIPIK COMMUNICATION AGENCY SA**) for the purposes of organising the event. The registration to the event will take place via the platform Uevent under <https://sre2025.eu/>, managed by the contractor.*

We may use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the event through widely used communication channels, including the social media. 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).

You may be able to watch our videos, which may be also uploaded to one of our social media pages and follow links from our website to other relevant social media.

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 if 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.

We recommend that users carefully read the relevant privacy policies of the social media tools used. These explain each company’s policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users’ rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

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

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.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with service providers for the purposes of organising the Security Research Event 2025.

- For registration purposes: Tipik Communication Agency S.A.
- For survey reasons: EUSurvey ([privacy policy](#))
- Session Q&A and polling tool: Sli.do ([privacy policy](#))
- For the purpose of organising online participation of speakers/participants intervening live during the event: Zoom ([privacy policy](#))
- For travel arrangements: Uniglobe Travel
- For accommodation: data will be shared with the relevant hotel

## **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.

The European Commission will ensure that the data subjects can exercise their right to object to processing whenever possible by the organisers of the meeting/event (for example, on the spot by indicating a non-web streamed seat if requested; or ex-post, by deleting a specific sequence from the online video/voice recording).

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:

- Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, Unit F.2 Innovation and Security Research
- Email: [HOME-SRE-2025@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HOME-SRE-2025@ec.europa.eu)

### **- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](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 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-1063.1