



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: DG ECFIN and JRC 2024 Annual Research Conference

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), Unit PA

Data Processor: European Commission, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), Unit PA and European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC).

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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 2024 Annual Research Conference. 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 2024 Annual Research Conference undertaken by the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), Unit PA, of the European Commission, and by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), Unit PA, collects and further processes, together with the JRC, your personal data to provide you with information about the Annual Research Conference (before, during and after), to process your application to present a paper, and to process your application for participation in the Annual Research Conference.

2a. Call for papers

Personal data identifying you, including your affiliation, and other submitted when answering the call for papers to the Conference is used to identify you to the Conference Scientific Committee, communicate with you in the course of the paper selection process, and attain your agreement to be integrated in a listing of scholars researching in the scientific fields corresponding to the Conference topics. The European Commission shall ask your consent to be listed in the aforementioned database of researchers separately. Please notice the European Commission does not retain the copyright to your work when submitted in reply to the call for paper. The European Commission uses a third-party software to manage data pertaining the call for papers but shall store the resulting data in European Commission servers.

2b. Conference

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the Annual Research Conference of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the Annual Research Conference. Media shall be published on the Conference website, on DG ECFIN's, JRC's and European Commission's social media profiles, EbS, DG ECFIN's/JRC's intranet and media partners of the European Commission.

During the Annual Research Conference 2024 participants will be asked to give questions to the organisers. This information will be collected anonymously and the processing of personal data

is only to ensure that participants have answered once to the question posed and to recuperate the session should there be technical issues.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience.

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 Annual Research Conference 2024 (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, Articles 5, 11 and 13 of the Treaty on European Union and Articles 15, 244 - 250 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).

More specifically, the objective of all processing activities related to WebEx or other web video conference service is to support the management and the functioning of the European Commission, by adjusting the internal mechanisms and management systems to the new technological environment and advancements. In the present context, they provide to EC Staff the necessary means and tools to perform their daily tasks and to organise EC's operations according to the principles of sound financial management. Article 33.1 (a)(b) and (c) of the Regulation 2018/1046 that refers to the performance and principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness is also applicable here. The use of WebEx or other web video conference services are also in line with the EC's Digital Strategy 2018 for a modern and digital working environment, including unified communication with advanced video-conferencing.

The processing operations on personal data of the speakers for Annual Research Conference 2024 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 relating to your access requirements;
- the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise;
- the processing of your personal data for managing your subscription to a newsletter of the data controller;
- the processing of your personal data to establish a list of researchers in the scientific research fields of interest to the Conference of the data controller.

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 unsubscribing from the newsletter, please send an email to ecfin-jrc-arc@ec.europa.eu.
- for withdrawing consent that you have provided in order to benefit from other services, please contact the controller of the meeting/event at ecfin-jrc--arc@ec.europa.eu.

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

The following personal data will be processed:

- contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, city, country, e-mail address, telephone number);
- for physical participants: nationality, date of birth, passport or identity card number and its date of expiry may be collected. Dietary requests (if any) or specific access requirements may also be collected;
- the following categories of personal data of the participants may be collected: Participant identifiers; Conference Content (available to participants only at Conference duration); Participants' names list (available to participants only at Conference duration); Session identifier (determined by the system, only on anonymised reports); Date of session (determined by user decision, only on anonymised reports).

The data controller is processing your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 for the purposes of the Annual Research Conference 2024. *If you decide to take photographs/audio-visual recordings of participants of the Annual Research Conference 2024 and/or publish them online, you assume full responsibility for these actions. The data controller shall not be held accountable for any processing of personal data that you might carry out on your own initiative during or after the event.*

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

- All personal data related to the organisation and management of the Annual Research Conference 2024 (this includes the information given during the call for papers, registration, before, during or after the event) will be deleted **five years** after the last action in relation to the Annual Research Conference 2024.
- 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 Annual Research Conference 2024, but no later than within **1 month** after the end of the Annual Research Conference 2024.
- Recordings from the web-streamed Annual Research Conference 2024 will be kept on the Annual Research Conference 2024 website. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306 (Web-streaming of Commission events).
- 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 on Management of subscriptions to receive information.
- 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.
- When using third party IT services during a virtual conference or event, the European 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) The content of the video/audio conference (documents, links, files etc) will be deleted after the termination of the session.

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. 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 contractors are 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 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.

8. Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user's device (such as a computer, tablet or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of a website (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

The registration for the Annual Research Conference 2024 takes place via a Commission website. The cookies employed by the Commission on the registrant's device for that purpose will be covered by the cookie policy of the Commission, which is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/cookies_en.

When you visit the website(s) of our Annual Research Conference 2024 and when you register, we will keep the browser history of your visit for a maximum of **6 months**. This information will then be deleted. The collection, aggregation and anonymising operations are performed in the data centre of the European Commission under adequate security measures.

Cookies are stored by Europa Analytics, the corporate service which measures the effectiveness and efficiency of the European Commission's websites on EUROPA. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00685 (Europa Analytics).

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the meeting/event website may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally and the pattern data is fully under the Commission's control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

9. Third party IT tools, including Social Media

Please note that this is a hybrid event that uses a third party IT service to run remote connections to the meeting.

When using third party IT services during a virtual conference or event, the European 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.

The following categories of personal data of the participants are collected:

- Participant identifier (mainly email address, but potentially some other parameters)
- Conference Content (available to participants only at Conference duration)
- Participants' names list (available to participants only at Conference duration)
- Session identifier (determined by the system, only on anonymised reports)
- Date of session (determined by user decision, only on anonymised reports)
- Duration of the session (determined by user decision, only on anonymised reports)

The main recipient of the personal data is the conference's organiser who should identify the external participants. The organiser, by service definition, is part of EC staff. Participants are recipients as well of the contents during the duration of the session. The main organiser can take the decision of a local meeting recording, in such scenario a recording alert is shown to all participants.

We use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the Annual Research Conference 2024 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 can watch our videos, which we also upload to DG ECFIN's/JRC's Facebook and Twitter pages and follow links from our website to these social media profiles.

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.

We recommend that users read the relevant privacy policies of [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) carefully before using them. 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. 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.

Sli.do is a tool that allows for audience interactive participation during either on line or live meetings or conferences. The audience can ask questions, respond to polls, take part in quizzes during a webinar or live event. The tool can be used with any of the Commission's audio- or video-conference tools for on-line events. The platform's data privacy policy is available at <https://static.sli.do/documents/slido-privacy-policy-2018-2020.pdf>.

We use a third-party software (COMS - Conference Management Software) to process replies to the call for paper, collecting your identification and the abstract or paper you send in reply to call. The platform does not use cookies to track your activity and details its data privacy policy at <https://portal.sciencesconf.org/index/rgpd>.

10. International transfers

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.

11. 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 consented to provide your personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller in writing to ecfin-jrc-arc@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.

12. 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, DG ECFIN, Unit PA, ecfin-jrc-arc@ec.europa.eu.

- 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.

13. 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>.