



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Youth Policy Dialogue with European Commissioner Glenn Micallef

Data Controller: European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC - Unit A4)

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the 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 of 23 October 2018 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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, 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.

Information in relation to processing operation 2026 Youth Policy Dialogue with European Commissioner Glenn Micallef and undertaken by the European Commission – Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (hereafter DG EAC - Unit A4) and its authorised contractor Cecoforma is presented below.

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

As part of the European Commission’s Political Priorities for 2024–2029, the Youth Policy Dialogues aim to provide young people with an opportunity to express their views on EU policy initiatives. These dialogues also help integrate youth perspectives into the EU’s political agenda through meaningful exchanges with Commissioners.

DG EAC - Unit A4 (hereinafter “the Data Controller”) collects and uses your personal data for the registration and attendance of 32 young participants in the **2026 Youth Policy Dialogue with European Commissioner Glenn Micallef** taking place on 16 July 2026 in Lyon as well as in all related online preparatory meetings.

The Youth Policy Dialogue and all related online preparatory meetings will be organised by the European Commission with the support of its authorised contractor.

Panoramic, as well as individual, photographs and videos will be taken during the event and may be published in websites and social media channels managed by the European Commission (see section 3 below, particularly on consent for individual pictures and videos). Those who do not consent on this will use specific stickers or lanyards so they can be easily identified.

These social media platforms are covered by the EU-US Data Privacy Framework and therefore the Data controller will transfer your personal data based on an **adequacy Decision** of the Commission (Article 47 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725), i.e. [Commission Implementing Decision EU 2023/1795 of 10 July 2023 pursuant to Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adequate level of protection of personal data under the EU-US Data Privacy Framework \(notified under document C\(2023\)4745\) \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

Individual interviews featuring participants may also be produced for publication on the European Commission websites and social media, based on the explicit consent of the participants involved.

The personal data processed may be reused for the purpose of procedures before the EU Courts, national courts, the European Ombudsman, or the European Court of Auditor.

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

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

We process your personal data because:

- processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (Article 5(1)(a) Regulation (EU) 2018/1725). The processing of personal data linked to the organisation of this event is necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. The Union law which is the basis for the processing based on Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 is Article 11 of the Treaty of the European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
- the data subject has given **consent** to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes (Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725), namely:
 - the sharing of the participant's name with other participants in the event;
 - the facilitation to participate in the event and its online preparatory meetings, including the booking of travels and accommodation;
 - the recording and publication of materials (photos, videos, news articles, quotes, or discussion summaries) in which participants may appear individually or with the Commissioners, to be published in websites and social media managed by the European Commission;
 - the recording and publication of individual interviews featuring participants that may also be published in websites and social media managed by the European Commission.

You give your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 for the processing of your personal data for these specific purposes. Your consent is given through a clear affirmative action by ticking the relevant box(es) on the online registration form.

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

To carry out this processing operation, the Data Controller and authorised Commission contractors collect and process the following categories of personal data:

- Name, surname, date of birth, gender, nationality, country of residence, occupation, e-mail address, dietary requirements (optional), mobility or other special needs (optional), a copy of the ID or passport (if applicable), phone number, and social media accounts (if available). The provision of personal data is necessary to arrange travels and accommodation for the participants to attend the event.

Please note that the Data Controller does not request nor expect that data subjects provide any special categories of data under Article 10(1) of Regulation 2018/1725 (that is "personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation") related to themselves or to third persons in the context of this video contest. Any spontaneous inclusion of these types of personal data is the responsibility of the data subject and by including any of these types of data the data subject is considered to provide his/her explicit consent to the processing, in accordance with Article 10(2)(a) of Regulation 2018/1725.

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. The personal data of participants will be deleted no later than 1 year after the last action related to the event. Pictures and videos taken during the event can be kept and used for 5 years (publications done before this date can remain published after this period).

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 and of its authorised contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [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 data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") in the EU Member States ([Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679](#)).

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. 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 limited to Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Your personal data will be shared with the authorised contractor's staff:

- **Cecoforma**
Rue de la Loi 42
1000 Brussels
Belgium

Cecoforma will use your data to provide you with relevant information about the event and related online preparatory meetings via e-mail, as well as to arrange your travels and accommodation. For this same reason Cecoforma may share your data with the following suppliers:

- **Travel agency** : Degen Travel Services Boulevard d'Arvoy, 32
4000, Liège
Belgium
- **Accommodation** : TRIBE Lyon Croix Rousse
16 Rue de Margnolles,
69300 Caluire-et-Cuire
France
- **Registration platform** : Idloom-events
Drève Richelle, 161

- 1410 Waterloo
Belgium
- **Badge supplier** : Badgeman printing
Veldenstraat, 14
2470 Retie
Belgium

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the meeting 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).

The contractor authorised by the Commission will collect directly data from you through an online form named Idloom-events. Please find its Data Processing Agreement here: <https://www.idloom.com/fr/dpa>

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 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. 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.

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 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. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent. Please note that if you withdraw consent while the activities related to the video contest are ongoing, you understand that this will automatically terminate your participation.

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.

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, your request as a data subject will be handled within one month of receipt of the request. That period may be extended by two further months where necessary, considering the complexity and number of the requests. In such case you will be informed of the extension of the time limit, together with the reasons for the delay.

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, DG EAC – Unit A4: EAC-YOUTH-POLICY-DIALOGUES@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.

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 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-01063](#)