FRA consultative event on EU funds & fundamental rights

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA or Agency) processes the personal data of a natural person in compliance with Regulation 2018/1725 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

This data protection notice explains FRA’s policies and practices regarding its collection and use of your personal data, and sets forth your privacy rights. We recognise that information privacy is an ongoing responsibility, and we will update this notice where necessary.

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1. **Why do we process personal data?**

FRA is organizing a consultative event on EU funds & fundamental rights, which will feed into a report on the role of national bodies with a human rights remit in the monitoring of EU funds (to be published in 2023). This event is organized by FRA, and will take place on the premises of the European Commission in Brussels. We will need your personal data to be able to invite you to the event, register you, allow you to enter the premises of the European Commission and to be able to share the meeting report with you.

2. **What kind of personal data does the Agency process?**

We will collect only the following personal data necessary for the processing operation:

- Personal details (name, surname, date of birth, nationality)
- Contact details (email address, phone number)
- Employment details (name and type of employer/organisation you are affiliated with)
- Other: passport or ID number, expiry date of passport or ID

3. **How do we collect and process your personal data?**

We will compile a list of participants, based either on contact information (e-mails, etc.) shared with us by other individuals or organisations who may suggest you may be interested in participating in the event, or shared by you with us directly, and ask you to register for the event by e-mail. This information will be placed on FRA’s internal systems. We will also ask you to sign a presence form at the event. We will also compile a list of participants to be shared with the European Commission in order to allow entry to the Commission premises.

You can see how the European Commission will process your personal data to allow you entry to the Commission premises by consulting their data protection notice [here](#). There will also be a report of the event. This report will not contain data which may identify you; however, we may, with your explicit consent, collected by e-mail, include quotes from participants in the meeting report. The name and type of your organisation will be mentioned in this report.
4. **Who is responsible for processing your personal data?**

The Agency is the legal entity responsible for the processing of your personal data and determines the objective of this processing activity. The Head of Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit is responsible for this processing operation. The European Commission will process data on behalf of FRA related to your entry into its premises.

5. **Which is the legal basis for this processing operation?**

Under Article 4 of its Founding Regulation (Regulation 168/2007, as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2022/555), the Agency is mandated to “collect, record, analyse and disseminate relevant, objective, reliable and comparable information and data”, to “formulate and publish conclusions and opinions on specific thematic topics, for the Union institutions and the Member States” and to “publish thematic reports based on its analysis, research and surveys”. The processing is thus necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Agency (Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation 1725/2018). In addition, by registering to participate in this consultation event, you will be requested to provide your consent to your personal data being processed. The processing is thus also lawful under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation 1725/2018.

6. **Who can see your data?**

Agency staff involved in the organization of the event may see your personal data. In addition, individuals working for the European Commission which FRA is working with on the event, and the Commission’s security/reception staff may see your data. A presence list with names and organisation/affiliation will be placed at the venue for your signature, thus other individuals participating in the event may also see your data (that is, names/surnames/the organisation you represent/work for).

7. **Do we share your data with other organisations?**

Personal data is processed by the Agency only and shared with the European Commission as described above.

8. **Do we intend to transfer your personal data to Third Countries/International Organizations**

No.

9. **When will we start the processing operation?**

We will start the processing operation in November 2022.

10. **How long do we keep your data?**
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We will delete your personal data in March 2023. The Commission will delete the data in accordance with its own regulations on entry into its buildings, which can be found here: privacy_statement_physical_access_control_system_pacs_en.pdf (europa.eu)

11. How can you control your data?

Under Regulation 2018/1725, you have rights we need to make you aware of. The rights available to you depend on our reason for processing your information. You are not required to pay any charges for exercising your rights except in cases were the requests are manifestly unfounded or excessive, in particular because of their repetitive character.

We will reply to your request without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. That period may be extended by two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the requests.

You can exercise your rights described below by sending an email request to EUfunds@fra.europa.eu

11.1. The value of your consent

Since your participation is not mandatory, we need proof that you consented to the processing of your personal data. With the email inviting you to the event, you will also be requested to consent to your personal data being processed for the purposes of handling your registration. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, and we will delete your data or restrict its processing. All processing operations up until the withdrawal of consent will still be lawful

11.2. Your data protection rights

a. Can you access your data?
You have the right to receive information on whether we process your personal data or not, the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, any recipients to whom the personal data have been disclosed and their storage period. Furthermore, you can have access to such data, as well as obtain copies of your data undergoing processing.

b. Can you modify your data?
You have the right to ask us to rectify your data you think is inaccurate or incomplete at any time.

c. Can you restrict us from processing your data?
You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. If you do, we can no longer process them, but we can still store them. In some exceptional cases, we will still be able to use them (e.g. with your consent or for legal claims). You have this right in a few different situations: when you contest the accuracy
of your personal data, when the Agency no longer needs the data for completing its tasks, when the processing activity is unlawful, and finally, when you have exercised your right to object.

**d. Can you delete your data?**

You have the right to ask us to delete your data when the personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were collected, when you have withdrawn your consent or when the processing activity is unlawful. In certain occasions we will have to erase your data in order to comply with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

We will notify to each recipient to whom your personal data have been disclosed of any rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing carried out in accordance with the above rights unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort from our side.

**e. Are you entitled to data portability?**

Data portability is a right guaranteed under Regulation 1725/2018 and consists in the right to have your personal data transmitted to you or directly to another controller of your choice. In this case, this does not apply for two reasons: I) in order for this right to be guaranteed, the processing should be based on automated means, however we do not base our processing on any automated means; II) this processing operation is carried out in the public interest, which is an exception to the right to data portability in the Regulation.

**f. Do you have the right to object?**

When the legal base of the 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” which is the case in most of our processing operations, you have the right to object to the processing. In case you object, we have to stop the processing of your personal data, unless we demonstrate a compelling reason that can override your objection.

**g. Do we do automated decision making, including profiling?**

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

**12. What security measures are taken to safeguard your personal data?**

The Agency has several security controls in place to protect your personal data from unauthorised access, use or disclosure. We keep your data stored on our internal servers with limited access to a specified audience only. Similar measures are in place within the European Commission.

**13. What can you do in the event of a problem?**

a) The first step is to notify the Agency by sending an email to EUfunds@fra.europa.eu and ask us to take action.
b) The second step, if you obtain no reply from us or if you are not satisfied with it, contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at dpo@fra.europa.eu.

c) At any time you can lodge a complaint with the EDPS at http://www.edps.europa.eu, who will examine your request and adopt the necessary measures.

14. How do we update our data protection notice?

We keep our data protection notice under regular review to make sure it is up to date and accurate.

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