PRIVACY NOTICE

Selection procedure for traineeship at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) 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 privacy 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 collect personal data?
The Agency collects personal data in order to allow it to process and evaluate the received applications in relation to the selection procedure for trainees.

2. What kind of personal data does the Agency collect?
The Agency collects data from the applicants regarding:
- identification (name, surname, date of birth, gender, nationality, photo);
- contact details (postal address, email address, phone, mobile number);
- experience (work experience, education, training skills, languages, letter of motivation);
- banking details;

Only for selected candidates, the Agency collects on top of the data mentioned above:
- a copy of ID or Passport, social security certificate, medical certificate, military/civil service record, criminal record, true certified copies of their diplomas and their banking details (financial identification form, bank account information).

3. How do we collect your personal data?
We collect only the personal data you provide us during your application for traineeship by filling in the forms in an online tool. No personal data or cookies are stored by the tool or, if so, these are anonymised.

4. Who is responsible for the 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 Corporate Services is responsible for this processing operation.

5. Which is the legal basis for this processing operation?
The Agency runs on an annual basis a traineeship programme allowing university graduates to apply to it. Decision CS/023/2017 specifies the rules governing the traineeship programme. Hence, this decision is also the legal basis for this processing operation, which is in accordance with Article 5(a) of the Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

In addition, since the participation in traineeships is not mandatory, the processing of the personal data is also in accordance with Article 5(d) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

In case of trainees, although the Staff Regulations and Conditions of Employment of Other Servants are not directly applicable to trainees, the latter are still considered to be part of the staff of the Agency. Thus, the collection of criminal records and medical certificates are justified based on Article 28 of Staff Regulation and Article 12(2) of the Conditions of Employment.

6. Who can see your data?
During the selection process, the personal data of the applicants are handled by a restricted number of staff in Corporate Services Unit, the Head of Unit Corporate Services, the Heads of Unit and restricted number of staff working within the Unit interested to select an applicant, and the Agency’s Director.
7. Do we share your data with other organisations?
Personal data is processed by the Agency only. In case that we need to share your data with third parties, you will be notified to whom your personal data has been shared with.

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 when you start filling in the application form for the trainee position within our Agency.

10. How long do we keep your data?
The Agency will keep your personal data if you are:
   a) A recruited candidate for a trainee position for five years counting from the starting of the traineeship contract. In this case, upon arrival, we will check your criminal record and give it back to you.
   b) A non-recruited candidate for a trainee position for two years counting from the starting date of the traineeship period that you have applied.

11. How can you control your data?
You can access, modify or delete your personal data by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu. More details are provided below.

   11.1. How valuable is your consent for us?
Since the participation in the traineeship procedures is not mandatory, the processing is lawful because “the data subject has unambiguously given his or her consent”. Therefore, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, and we will delete your data or restrict its processing.

   11.2. Your data protection rights
Under data protection law, you have rights we need to make you aware of these rights. 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.

       a) Can you access your data?
You have the right to receive confirmation whether or not we process your personal data. Furthermore, you can have access to such data, as well as obtain copies of your data undergoing processing, at any time and free of charge, by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu.
b) Can you modify your data?
You have the right to modify your data without delay of inaccurate or incomplete personal data at any time by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu. You have the right to update or correct at any time your identification data. On the other hand, data demonstrating compliance with the eligibility and selection criteria may not be updated or corrected after the closing date for the respective selection procedure.

c) Can you restrict us from processing your data?
You have the right to block the processing of your personal data at any time by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu when you contest the accuracy of your personal data or when the Agency no longer needs the data for completing its tasks. You can also block the processing activity when the operation is unlawful, and you oppose to the erasure of the data.

d) Can you delete your data?
You have the right to ask us to delete your data at any time by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu when the processing activity is unlawful.

e) Can you request the transfer of your data to a third party?
This only applies to information you have given us. You have the right to ask that we transfer the information you gave us from one organisation to another, or give it to you. The right only applies if we are processing information based on your consent or under, or in talks about entering into a contract and the processing is automated.

f) Do you have the right to object?
Yes, you have the right to object at any time by sending an email request to recruitment@fra.europa.eu when you have legitimate reasons relating to your particular situation. Moreover, you will be informed before your information is disclosed for the first time to third parties, or before it is used on their behalf, for direct marketing purposes. The Agency will address your requests within 15 working days from the receipt of the request.

g) Do we do automated decision making, including profiling?
No.

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 computer systems with limited access to a specified audience only.

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 recruitment@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 privacy notice?
We keep our privacy notice under regular review to make sure it is up to date and accurate.

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