



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Application to the European Natura 2000 award, 2020 edition

Data Controller: Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3

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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.

The information in relation to processing operation “Application to the European Natura 2000 award, 2020 edition” undertaken by Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3 is presented below.

The processing operation concerns the processing of personal data contained in applications to the “European Natura 2000 award, 2020 edition” sent to the following functional mailbox managed by the Natura 2000 Award Secretariat: n2000awards@adelphi.de

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

Purpose of the processing operation: The Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3 collects and uses your personal information to process your application, including for instance checking its eligibility.

The information you submit via your application will be recorded and further processed to the extent that they are necessary for the application and evaluation procedure.

The finalists are also going to be presented on the Commission’s website, including the organisations name and a description of the project. A brochure presenting all the finalists may additionally contain a contact email address of the applicants.

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

According to Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 we process your personal data, because you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for the reasons mentioned under Heading 2.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation the Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3 collects the following categories of personal data, provided by you via email or encoded by you in the online form:

- Name

- Organisation
- Postal address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Any other personal data you will have included in your request (such as for instance information for the evaluation of eligibility criteria)

We need your personal contact data to process your application, and / or to get in touch with you in relation to it.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing. In order to allow you to resubmit an application they are kept for more than two award periods, namely for 5 years after the final reply.

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 either on the servers of the European Commission or of its 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 General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('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 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 provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle.

Authorized staff in particular includes the staff of adelphi consult GmbH and Ecosystems Ltd, who assist the European Commission with the organisation of the Natura 2000 awards. Additionally the evaluators of the applications will have access to your personal data.

Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

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, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You have consented to provide your personal data to Directorate-General Environment, Unit D.3 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller (see heading 9 below) and the Natura 2000 Award Secretariat (n2000awards@adelphi.de). The withdrawal 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.

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 Environment, Unit D.3 (natura@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: DPO 2011