



European Committee  
of the Regions

## Data Protection Notice

### EU Organic Awards

#### 1. Introduction

The European Institutions are committed to protect your 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.

This data protection notice 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 Controllers with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

#### 2. Who is responsible for the processing of personal data?

The European Commission, the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), IFOAM Organics Europe, Copa and Cogeca ("the Joint Controllers") will jointly process your personal data in the context of the organisation of the Organic Awards.

Other EU entities, such as the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, may also be tasked by (one of) the Joint Controllers to process certain personal data as processors.

#### 3. What is the purpose of the processing?

Personal data will be processed for the following purposes:

- (a) Assessing the forms submitted by applicants.
- (b) Shortlisting three applicants per award.
- (c) Selecting one winner per award.
- (d) Notifying the winners.
- (e) Presenting each winner with their award.
- (f) Inviting the applicants to an award ceremony.
- (g) Publicising the outcome of the contest.
- (h) Raising awareness of the general public about the next edition of the EU Organic Awards.

Each Joint Controller is responsible for specific activities as follows:

- (a) Assessment of the forms submitted by applicants:
  - Best organic region, city & bio-district: the CoR;
  - Best organic SME, food retailer & organic restaurant: the EESC;
  - Best organic farmer (male & female): Copa and Cogeca and IFOAM Organics Europe.
- (b) Shortlisting of three applicants per award:
  - Best organic region, city & bio-district: the CoR;
  - Best organic SME, food retailer & organic restaurant: the EESC;
  - Best organic farmer (male & female): Copa and Cogeca and IFOAM Organics Europe.
- (c) Selection of one winner per award:
  - all the Joint Controllers.
- (d) Notification of the winners:
  - all the Joint Controllers.
- (e) Presentation of each winner with their award:
  - all the Joint Controllers.
- (f) Invitation of applicants to an award ceremony:
  - all the Joint Controllers.
- (g) Publication of the outcome of the contest:
  - all the Joint Controllers.
- (h) Awareness-raising of the general public about the next edition of the EU Organic Awards:
  - all the Joint Controllers.

The Joint Controllers are committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Joint Controllers have concluded a Joint Controllership Arrangement.

The Joint Controllers and their processors collect and further process your personal data in accordance with, as the case may be, Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Your personal data are collected and further processed for awarding and promoting the EU organic awards.

Applications to the awards will be collected using the European Commission tool EU Survey (More information is available here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/home/privacystatement>).

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

#### **4. What is the legal basis for the processing?**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5. (1)(d) according to which "the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes";

Your consent is required for:

- the processing of your personal data submitted in the context of the EU Organic Awards;
- the processing of the audio-visual data (including photos and videos) you submitted and the audio-visual data (including photos and videos) captured in the context of the EU Organic Awards;
- in case you or the entity on behalf of which you apply wins or is shortlisted for one of the EU Organic Awards, the publication, on the websites of the joint controllers or on social media, of your name and surname, contact data, professional data and photos and videos containing your audio-visual data;

- the processing of any health data linked to access or dietary requirements you may submit in the context of your attendance to the award ceremony;
- the processing of your identification and contact data to be contacted for the EU Organic Awards organised next year.

If you opt in, you are giving us your consent or explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) or Article 10(2) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or Article 6(1)(a) or Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 to process your personal data for the generic and specific purposes laid down in this privacy statement. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the 5 boxes on the online application form.

Your consent to the processing of your personal data can be withdrawn at any time by contacting us at [EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.europa.eu](mailto:EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.europa.eu).

### **5. What personal data are processed?**

We collect and further process the following categories of personal data:

- (1) Identification data:
  - (a) Surname and name;
  - (b) Gender;
- (2) Contact data:
  - (a) Postal address;
  - (b) Email address;
  - (c) Phone number.
- (3) Professional data:
  - (a) Position;
  - (b) Employer's identity.
- (4) Audio-visual data:
  - (a) Facial image (photos and videos);
  - (b) Voice (audio and video).
- (5) Unrequested data voluntarily provided by data subjects.

In case, you participate to the award ceremony, we will also collect and further process the following categories of personal data:

- (1) Identification data to access the Commission building:
  - (a) Nationality;
  - (b) Registration number(s) included in identity documentation.
- (2) Financial data for travel reimbursements purposes:
  - (a) Payment card number;
  - (b) Bank account number.
- (3) Sensitive data (if any) based on consent that may be considered as health data:
  - (a) Dietary restrictions or requirements;
  - (b) Disabilities or access requirements.

Participation to the contest is on a voluntary basis. The provision of personal data is thus not mandatory. However, if you do not provide your personal data, you may not be able to submit an application or to participate in the ceremony.

#### **6. Who are the recipients or categories of recipients of your personal data?**

Access to your personal data is provided to staff (and processors where applicable) responsible for carrying out this processing according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Access to some of your personal data is also provided to the members of the jury tasked with selecting the winner of each award. The composition of the jury is determined by the Joint Controllers. Other EU entities, such as the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, may also be tasked by (one of) the Joint Controllers to process certain personal data as processors.

Access to some of your personal data may also be provided to the general public if you consented to such purposes.

#### **7. Are your personal data transferred to a third country or international organisation?**

No, your personal data are not transferred to non-EU Member States or to international organisations.

#### **8. How can you exercise your rights?**

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’, 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 us at [EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.europa.eu](mailto:EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.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/the national supervisory authority.

#### **9. How long do we keep your personal data?**

We only keep your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, and for a maximum of 2 years after the selection of the winners, unless the personal data need to be kept for a longer period given an ongoing complaint, apart from financial data of data subjects who have participated in the ceremony, which will be kept for five years after the ceremony.

E-mail addresses of data subjects who have agreed to be contacted for the next edition of the EU Organic Awards will also be kept until the organisation of the next round of awards (a maximum of 18 months).

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 meeting or event, but no later than within 1 month after the end of the ceremony.

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.

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission. 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.

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.

**10. Are the personal data collected used for automated decision-making, including profiling?**

No, the CoR will not use your personal data to make automated decisions about you. "Automated decisions" are defined as decisions made without human intervention.

**11. Will your personal data be further processed for a purpose other than that for which data have been obtained?**

No, your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose.

**12. Who do I contact if I have queries or complaints?**

- **The Joint-Controllers**

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 Joint-Controllers:

**European Commission**, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Operational controller: Unit B4, Address: Rue de la Loi 200 / Wetstraat 200, 1040 (postal office Box: 1049) Bruxelles / Brussel, Belgium, Functional mailbox of the operational controller: [agri-organic-action-plan@ec.europa.eu](mailto:agri-organic-action-plan@ec.europa.eu)

**European Economic and Social Committee**, Controller: Unit B 3, Address: Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels, Functional mailbox: [EUorganicawardsEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:EUorganicawardsEESC@eesc.europa.eu)

**European Committee of the Regions**, Delegated controller: Unit SG.B.1 "Commission NAT" Address: Rue Belliard 99-101, B-1040 Bruxelles, Belgium, Functional mailbox of the delegated controller: [EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.europa.eu](mailto:EUorganicawardsCOR@cor.europa.eu)

**COPA –COGECA**, Address: Rue de Trèves 61, Functional mailbox: [mail@copa-cogeca.eu](mailto:mail@copa-cogeca.eu)

**IFOAM OE**, Address: Rue du Commerce 124-6, 1000 Brussels, Functional mailbox: [gdpr@organicseurope.bio](mailto:gdpr@organicseurope.bio)

- **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the European Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](mailto: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 European Commission.

**More detailed information:**

The European 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 European Commission DPO's public register with the following record reference: **DPR-EC-13909**.