



European Committee
of the Regions

Data Protection Notice

CoR European Network of Regional and Local Councillors

1. Introduction

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725 \(GDPR\)](#).

Your personal data may be collected and processed when managing the network of regional and local councillors of CoR. The CoR European Network of Regional and Local Councillors has the aim to bring Europe closer to local communities by organising a network that provide the possibility to exchange with other EU councillors, the CoR and other EU institutions, as well as to inform and communicate about different events and activities.

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

The CoR is responsible (as controller) for the processing of personal data. The responsible service (delegated controller) is the Unit D.I - Coordination, planning, impact Outreach strategy, email: EU-Councillors@cor.europa.eu.

When using the platform [Futurium](#) for the EU-Councillors group, the European Commission (EC)/Directorate General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) is responsible as a processor for the processing of your data on behalf of the CoR, email: CNECT-FUTURIUM@ec.europa.eu.

When using the Facebook group for the EU-Councillors network, the data protection rules for Facebook are applying.

3. What is the purpose of the processing?

The purpose of the processing is to facilitate the operation and management of the European Network of Regional and Local Councillors, that is an initiative run by the CoR for local or regional politicians having a political mandate at regional or local level in one of the EU Member States.

Personal data received from the EU-Councillors is necessary to ensure that the network operates and carries out its functions. Specifically, the processing of personal data is necessary for:

- the operation and management of the network;
- the approval of the membership for being part of the EU-Councillors group on the Futurium platform and of the EU-Councillors' Facebook group;
- the communication activities such as webinars, meetings and networking sessions with CoR members and EU experts, exchange of correspondence, sending invitations to flagship events, political debates and meetings at EU, national and local level, as well as distribution of a weekly info flash and a monthly newsletter;
- the organisation of training on social media tools and channels, as well as digital masterclasses and coaching;
- the conducting of surveys to gather members ideas and proposals on how to develop the network further.

4. What is the legal basis for the processing?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data for the operation and management of the network is Article 5(1)d of the Regulation 2018/1725 (EUDPR) as the member provides his/her consent to become a member.

5. What personal data are processed?

Name (first and last name); Email; Gender (How one identifies oneself); Languages; Country; Name of the locality represented; postcode of the locality; Region (or equivalent); Political mandate or function; National political party; Political affiliation at European Level; Mandate End date (upload proof/link of the mandate); Name of other(s) member(s) of the CoR from the applicants' city or region.

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

Access to the personal data collected for the processing operation in question is provided to the authorised personnel of the CoR and its processor responsible for carrying out this processing operation according to the “need to know” principle:

- Moderators and administrators from Directorate D of CoR collect personal data via the applications in EU Survey filled in by the candidate to become part of the EU Councillors network. Once confirmed that the candidate fulfils the condition of having a current political mandate at regional or local level in one of the EU Member States, the members are invited to create an account via EU-Login in order to have access to the network group (link provided) and benefit from the range of services available to them, as well as are integrated in the CoR's Data management database (Dynamics 365).

- Staff members of the processor at DG Connect have access, under the Data Processing Agreement, to the necessary personal data of the network members for the purposes of adding members to the group; giving management role to some members; sending notifications (depending on members preference); taking care of the platform maintenance and development.

- The members of the European Network of Regional and Local Councillors have access to the name of the other members, as well as to the information the members provided themselves in the EU Councillors group in Futurium or in the EU Councillors Facebook group.

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

No.

8. How can you exercise your rights?

You have the right to access your personal data, to rectify any inaccurate or incomplete personal data, to restrict (under certain conditions) the processing of your personal data, to request the deletion of your personal data (if processed unlawfully) and, where applicable, the right to data portability. You also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Please note that withdrawal of consent will not have retroactive effect.

You can direct your queries to the email EU-Councillors@cor.europa.eu. Your query will be dealt 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. Concerning the Futurium platform, you can also contact DG CONNECT (cnect-futurium@ec.europa.eu) on behalf of the processor, which shall assist the controller for the fulfilment of its obligation to respond to your requests.

You have also the right of recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under the EUDPR have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the CoR.

9. How long are your personal data kept for?

The CoR only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

Personal data necessary for the management of the network (including the management of contact lists for correspondence) is stored in the CoR's Data management database (Dynamics 365) and in the service providers' (processor) database for as long as the data subject participates in the group and for a maximum period of 3 (three) years afterwards.

Once the mandate has expired and if an individual member ceases to be a member of the network, unit D.I will remove the person from the EU-Councillors member's list and informs the processor to do alike in due time.

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

The CoR and the processor on the behalf of 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?

Your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose.

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

If you have any further questions about the processing of your personal data, please contact first of all the data controller, email: EU-Councillors@cor.europa.eu.

Concerning the network on the Futurium platform, you may also contact the processor (EC) on behalf of the controller, email: CNECT-FUTURIUM@ec.europa.eu.

Furthermore, you may contact the CoR data protection officer (data.protection@cor.europa.eu) and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) at any time.