



PRIVACY STATEMENT

Processing of personal data in the context of external experts and evaluators

1. Introduction

The protection of your personal data is of high importance to the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU). SNS JU is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data and ensuring your rights as a data subject.

All personal data processed in the framework of the selection, appointment and management of external experts and evaluators are handled fairly, lawfully and with due care.

This processing operation is subject to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. The present privacy statement is provided pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of that Regulation.

2. Controller

The controller for this processing operation is:

Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU)

Avenue de la Toison d'Or 56-60

1060 Brussels, Belgium

Email: data-protection@sns-ju.eu

SNS JU has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO), who can be contacted at the same address.

3. Purpose of the processing

Personal data are processed for the management of external experts and evaluators involved in SNS JU activities, including:

- identification and selection of experts
- establishment and maintenance of expert databases or pools
- evaluation of applications, proposals or tenders
- organisation and management of evaluation processes
- appointment, contracting and remuneration of experts

- communication and coordination with experts
- monitoring, reporting and audit of evaluation activities

4. Categories of data subjects

The processing concerns:

- external experts and evaluators
- applicants to expert databases or calls for experts
- individuals proposed or nominated as experts

5. Personal data processed and legal basis

Personal data processed

SNS JU may process the following categories of personal data:

- identification data (name, surname, nationality)
- contact details (email address, telephone number, postal address)
- professional information (CV, expertise, qualifications, employment history)
- financial data (bank details, remuneration-related information)
- declarations (e.g. declaration of honour, conflict of interest declarations)
- evaluation-related data (assignments, performance, participation records)
- in specific cases, legal or administrative information required by applicable rules

Legal basis

Processing is based on:

- Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (task carried out in the public interest)
- Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (compliance with legal obligations)

Where applicable, specific data (e.g. conflict of interest or legal declarations) are processed in accordance with Union law and appropriate safeguards.

6. Source of the data

Personal data are:

- provided directly by data subjects (e.g. applications, CVs, expert profiles)
- generated during the evaluation and management processes
- obtained from publicly available sources or EU systems where relevant

7. Recipients of the data

Access to personal data is granted on a need-to-know basis to:

- authorised SNS JU staff involved in programme and evaluation management
- evaluation committees and other experts participating in the same procedures

- European Commission services and relevant EU bodies for audit, control or legal purposes
- contractors and service providers supporting evaluation processes (e.g. IT tools), under appropriate safeguards

Certain information (e.g. names of experts) may be disclosed in line with transparency obligations.

8. Transfers to third countries

In principle, personal data are processed within the European Economic Area (EEA).

Where processing involves service providers located outside the EEA, transfers are carried out in accordance with Articles 46–49 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 and subject to appropriate safeguards.

9. Data retention

Personal data are retained:

- for up to 10 years after the end of the expert's involvement or the final payment, where applicable
- for up to 5 years for unsuccessful applicants to expert calls or databases

These retention periods ensure compliance with audit, control and legal obligations.

At the end of the retention period, data are securely deleted.

10. Security measures

SNS JU implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk, including:

- secure IT systems and controlled access rights
- role-based access to data
- confidentiality obligations for staff and experts
- monitoring and protection of IT infrastructure

11. Rights of data subjects

Under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, you have the right to:

- access your personal data
- rectify inaccurate or incomplete data
- request erasure of your data
- request restriction of processing
- object to processing
- withdraw your consent at any time (where applicable)
- not be subject to automated decision-making

Requests can be addressed to: data-protection@sns-ju.eu

SNS JU will reply within one month, which may be extended in complex cases.

12. Complaints

If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you may contact the SNS JU DPO.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS):
European Data Protection Supervisor
Rue Wiertz 60
B-1047 Brussels
Email: edps@edps.europa.eu

13. Further information

The SNS JU public register of processing activities is available at:
<https://smart-networks.europa.eu/data-protection-declaration/>