

Specific Privacy Statement

With regard to the online questionnaire (further referred to as "consultation")

To be carried out in accordance with the "Online questionnaire for hosting providers"

1. Objective

In preparation of the report on the implementation of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) Regulation, which is due in April 2015, the European Commission has mandated KURT SALMON to carry out a study consisting of the twofold:

- Analysis of the online collection process, as currently in place in the context of the European Citizens' Initiative;
- Production of a comparative analysis identifying the main advantages and disadvantages of existing citizens' initiative or e-petition solutions already used at European and national level and other existing market solutions.

The objective of this consultation is to receive the views of stakeholders concerned by the topic of the study.

The final version of the study, carried out by KURT SALMON, may be potentially published on the Internet, including the views of the stakeholders in an anonymised form.

As far as this consultation implies the collection and further processing of personal data, Regulation (EC) 45/2001, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, is applicable.

In this context, KURT SALMON is considered to be Processor of the data collected, acting on behalf of and under the responsibility of the Head of Unit SG.C.4 of the European Commission, which is considered as Controller.

2. What personal information do we collect and through which technical means?

Identification Data

The personal data collected and further processed is data necessary for the participation in the consultation, such as name/surname/profession/ postal & e-mail addresses/phone number/fax number, of the contributors, including their views on the topics concerned. This data may be used for further contact in case more details regarding collected data are needed.

Technical information

The EU Survey system uses session "cookies" in order to ensure communication between the client and the server. Therefore, your browser must be configured to accept "cookies". However, it does not collect personal or confidential information of any kind, nor any IP address from your PC. The cookies disappear once the session has been terminated.

3. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?

The access to all personal data as well as all information collected in the context of this consultation is only granted through User Id/Password to a defined population of users, without prejudice to a possible transmission to the bodies in charge of a monitoring or inspection task in accordance with Union legislation. The users concerned are members of the SG C4 Unit organising the consultation, the DIGIT B 6 Unit responsible for the study contract, any other Commission officials concerned by the topic and KURT SALMON, the subcontractor.

No personal data is transmitted to parties which are outside the recipients and the legal framework mentioned.

The European Commission will not share personal data with third parties for direct marketing purposes.

4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The collected personal data and all information related to the above mentioned consultation is stored on a computer of the external contractor, acting as processor, who has to guarantee the data protection and confidentiality required by the Regulation (EC) 45/2001.

Access to the EU Survey application is via a non-encrypted connection using the normal http protocol.

5. How can you verify, modify or delete your information?

In case you want to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified, corrected or deleted, please contact the Controller by using the Contact Information below and by explicitly specifying your request.

6. How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data, collected in the context of the consultation will be kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the data were collected. They shall be deleted not later than 5 years since the consultation.

In case the data are stored for longer periods for historical, statistical or scientific use they should be kept in anonymous form only.

7. Contact Information

In case you wish to verify which personal data is stored on your behalf by the responsible controller, have it modified, corrected, or deleted, or if you have questions regarding the consultation, or concerning any information processed in the context of the consultation, or on your rights, feel free to contact the support team, operating under the responsibility of the Controller, using the following contact information:

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Recourse

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the [European Data Protection Supervisor](#).