



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Technology and Innovation Monitoring (TIM)

Data Controller: JRC.I.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 "Technology and Innovation Monitoring (TIM)" undertaken by JRC.I.3 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: JRC.I.3 collects and uses your personal information to let users examine the interplay between different aspects of innovation in specific fields over time (from 1996 onwards). To do this, the system uses data from various separate sources about patent submissions, scientific publications, and R&D grants.

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

We process your personal data, because, according to Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU)2018/1725:

(a) the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body;

(c) processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;

(d) you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specific purposes.

Legal basis:

- Art. 1 of Commission Decision 96/282/Euratom entrusts the JRC with a role to "carry out the Community's research programmes and other tasks entrusted to it by the Commission".
- Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) states that "the Joint Research Centre (JRC) shall contribute to the general objective and priorities of Horizon 2020 with the specific objective of providing customer-driven scientific and technical support to Union policies".
- Council Decision of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020); Successive Commission Implementing Decisions on the adoption of multi-annual work programmes under Council Decision 2013/743/EU and Council Regulation

(Euratom) No 1314/2013, to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre, including C(2017) 1288 for the period 2017-2018 and C(2018) 1386 for the period 2018-2019.

- COM(2018)236, Tackling online disinformation: a European Approach, Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The "communication presents a comprehensive approach that aims at responding to those serious threats by promoting digital ecosystems based on transparency and privileging high-quality information, empowering citizens against disinformation, and protecting our democracies and policy-making processes." The communication also points out that "the Commission will continue its work in this area".

We do not process **special categories of personal data**, therefore Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 does not apply.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation JRC.I.3 collects the following categories of personal data:

- For **authors of scientific publications**, from SCOPUS (public available website): name, surname and affiliation.
- For **inventors of patents**, from Patstat (from the European Patents Office): name, surname, address and affiliation
- For **persons reported in news articles** and appearing in the EMM newsfeed, from EMM (Europe Media Monitor (EMM) system, described in DPR-EC-00250 "Monitoring of news and social media."): any information reported in the news.
- For **registered users** in TIM: name, surname, e-mail address and the set of searches which the user has created on the system.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

JRC.I.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for:

- Identification data: one year, after last access unless explicitly renewed by user
- Log files: One year after logged event
- Scientific or patent text: will be deleted upon request.

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 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.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data (for registered users in TIM) is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Data related to authors of scientific publications, inventors of patents and persons reported in news articles and appearing in the EMM newsfeed, will be available to the general public through internet websites, upon registration.

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.

For the data related to authors of scientific publications, inventors of patents and persons reported in news articles and appearing in the EMM newsfeed:

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a).

For the data related to registered users in TIM:

You have consented to provide your personal data to JRC.I.3 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. 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:

JRC-TMA-CC@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: DPR-EC-00254 - Technology and Innovation Monitoring (TIM).