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Data Protection – Specific Privacy Statement

Audit Survey

This privacy statement concerns the European Court of Auditors' (ECA) processing of personal data for organising a survey on the Coronavirus Response on Investment initiatives (CRII and CRII+) and Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe (REACT-EU). The manner in which the ECA processes and protects your personal data is described below.

By responding to the survey, you acknowledge and agree with this privacy statement and give your consent to the data processing as described in this statement.

Your e-mail address was obtained from SFC2014, DG Regio and DG Employment of European Commission), and updated information received from SAIs, to be able to invite you for this survey and send out eventually reminders.

Replying to the survey is optional and so is the provision of your personal data. There are no consequences to not participating or not providing your personal information, but we would highly appreciate if you do. Providing your contact details will help us to follow up on your replies/input and seek further clarification, as the case may be.

Who is responsible for handling your data?

Data processing operations are under the responsibility of the ECA Member responsible for the audit in Chamber II.

Why do we collect your data?

The audit team can use the data in the context of the performance audit on the present subject, and they will also be able to contact you in case further clarification is needed.

If you share your data with us, we can use it for contacting you to clarify further the response received, and request additional information on the subject matter of this survey. Your name will not be mentioned in the survey analysis. No personal data is collected if you choose not to share them.

What personal data do we collect?

The following categories of data will be collected only if you decide to share them with us: name, surname, email.

How long do we keep your data?

If provided, your data will be retained for 18 months.

The e-mail addresses used to send the survey are kept in the survey tool for no longer than six months after the end of the survey, where 'end of the survey' means the deadline after which it is no longer possible to reply.

What are the rules governing the use of your data?

[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 is the legal framework for the processing of personal data within the Court.

The ECA is processing personal data as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the ECA (Article 287 of the Treaties).

Moreover, when you provide your contact details when replying to the survey questions for follow-up, the legal basis is your free consent. Prior information about this along with this Privacy Statement is

made available to you so that you are well informed beforehand about the processing of your personal data in the context of this survey. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Who has access to your data and to whom will your data be disclosed?

The Audit Team has access to your data according to the “need to know” principle. Staff from the ECA’s Directorate for Audit Quality Control may also access your data in the exercise of its audit quality control work.

In case of complaint, your personal data may be transferred to the Ombudsman, the Data Protection Officer, the EDPS. Replies will be processed by the ECA’s translation team.

How do we safeguard against possible misuse of or unauthorised access to your data?

To conduct this survey, the ECA uses EUSurvey, a multilingual online survey management system built for the creation and publication of surveys. EUSurvey is a tool provided to ECA, as controller, by the European Commission, as processor. The EU Commission does not use sub-processors, and all personal data are stored on the servers of the European Commission’s Data Centre.

The European Commission has implemented security measures to protect server hardware, software and the network from accidental or malicious manipulations and loss of data. All data is managed by DG DIGIT in line with the technical security provisions laid down in the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission, its subsequent versions, its implementing rules (as adapted from time to time) and the corresponding security standards and guidelines, as well as the Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 of 13 March 2015 on the security in the Commission, its implementing rules and the corresponding security notices. These documents (as adapted from time to time) are available for consultation at the following address:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/security-standards-applying-all-european-commission-information-systems_en

EUSurvey uses the Europa Analytics service for traffic statistics and analytics. For further information see the Europa Analytics website. Europa Analytics is based on the open source analytics platform “Matomo” (source: EUSurvey Record).

What are your rights?

Your rights in respect of your personal data are set out in Articles 17 to 24 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#).

You have the right to access your personal data and to have it rectified without undue delay if it is inaccurate or incomplete.

Under certain conditions, you have the right to ask us to erase your personal data or to restrict its use. Where applicable, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, at any time, on grounds relating to your particular situation, and the right to data portability.

We will consider your request, take a decision and communicate it to you without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. This period may be extended by two further months where necessary.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the data controller, using the contact information given below.

Who should you contact if you have a query or complaint?

The first point of contact is the data controller at ECA-INFO@eca.europa.eu.

You may contact the ECA’s Data Protection Officer (ECA-Data-Protection@eca.europa.eu) at any time in case of concerns/complaints about the processing of your personal data.

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) at any time about the processing of your personal data.