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Data Protection

Data Protection Officer

Subscriptions to the ECA Newsletter Specific Privacy Statement

This privacy statement relates to the European Court of Auditors' (ECA) processing of personal data collected within the framework of subscriptions to the ECA Newsletter.

The manner in which the ECA processes your personal data and safeguards your privacy is described below.

By subscribing to the Newsletter, you give your consent to the data processing as described in this statement.

Who is responsible for the handling of your data?

The Director of the ECA Presidency is the controller responsible for the way your data are processed.

Why are we collecting your data?

Your data is needed so we can send you the ECA Newsletter. Your e-mail address may also be used for surveys by the ECA. In that event, you will be told the reason for the survey and given any further relevant information that is necessary to ensure fair and transparent processing.

What are the rules governing the use of your data?

The legal framework for the ECA's processing of personal data is given by [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, and the fact that you have given free consent by subscribing.

What personal data do we collect?

We collect your e-mail address.

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

Access to your personal data is overseen by the Directorate of the ECA Presidency. Your personal data can be accessed by designated staff at the ECA, which includes staff from the Secretariat-General. The ECA's Data Protection Officer, the European Data Protection Supervisor and/or the European Ombudsman may also be given access to your information if they need to address any complaints.

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

We store the data we have about you securely in the ECA data centre, which is located in Luxembourg. You are therefore covered by the numerous measures we have taken to protect the availability, integrity and confidentiality of our own electronic assets.

Access to personal data is restricted to a specific user group. Access rights are granted on a “need to know” basis, taking account of the role, post and responsibilities of the person concerned. These rights are continually updated as staff assignments change.

The ECA Secretary-General has overall responsibility for implementing the rules on access rights and for compliance with the rules on data protection, but he has delegated responsibility in these areas to different entities.

The ECA’s Information Security Officer ensures that our information security policy is correctly implemented and that the related checks are tested for efficiency.

How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data will be kept in the system until you unsubscribe or we are informed that your contact details are no longer correct. You can unsubscribe at any time by writing to ECA-InstitutionalRelations@eca.europa.eu. We will delete your e-mail address from the database as soon as we receive notification that you have unsubscribed, and your data will be completely erased after 30 days.

What are your rights?

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 that we erase your personal data or restrict its use.

Where applicable, you have the right to object to our processing of your personal data, on grounds relating to your particular situation, at any time, 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. That period may be extended by two further months where necessary.

Your rights over your personal data are stated in Articles 17 to 24 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

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

Whom should you contact if you have any queries or complaints?

The first point of contact is ECA-InstitutionalRelations@eca.europa.eu, which is managed by the Directorate of the ECA Presidency.

Should you require further information or wish to make a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data, you may also contact the Data Protection Officer:

European Court of Auditors

Data Protection Officer

12 Rue Alcide de Gasperi

1615 Luxembourg

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E-mail: eca-data-protection@eca.europa.eu

Additionally, you have the right to lodge a complaint at any time with the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu).