European Court of Auditors’ communications to stakeholders via Stakeholder Management System (SMS) - Specific Privacy Statement

This privacy statement relates to the European Court of Auditors’ (ECA) processing of personal data collected regarding and/or from persons interested in the work and output of the ECA. The manner in which the ECA processes your personal data in the Stakeholder Management System (SMS) safeguards the privacy of those data is described below.

By filling in the online SMS subscription form, you consent to the data practices described in this statement.

Responsible for the treatment

The Director of the Presidency is the controller of the treatment of your personal data and thus the responsible of the treatment.

Legal Framework

Regulation 45/2001 is the legal basis for the treatment of personal data within the Court. The Court decided, as part of its stakeholder strategy (DEC 107/13) to set up a stakeholders database to improve its communications with its stakeholders.

What personal data do we collect?

Your first and last names, e-mail address, gender, language(s) used, name of your organisation, your function in the organisation and what topics or types of ECA publications you are interested in.

What is the purpose of the data collection?

The purpose is to announce the publication of the ECA’s reports and other corporate events to interested stakeholders and general public, according to their interest, in a targeted manner.

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

Access to your personal data is managed by the SMS Manager working within the Directorate of the Presidency of the Court. Your personal data may be accessed by designated SMS staff of the Court. In case of complaints the Data Protection Officer, the European Data Protection Supervisor, and/or the Ombudsman may also have access to your information.

What security measures are taken to safeguard against possible misuse of or unauthorised access to your information?

The data sets are stored safely in the ECA’s Data Centre in Luxembourg and are therefore covered by numerous measures taken to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the institution’s electronic assets.

Access to personal data is strictly limited to specific user groups. Right of access is granted on a “need to know” basis and account is taken of the function, job and responsibilities of the person seeking right of access. Such rights are therefore continually updated in line with changes in the assignments of members of staff.
The ECA’s Secretary-General has overall responsibility for both implementation of the rules concerning the grant of access rights, and compliance with the rules on data protection. There is an Information Security Policy in place and an Information Security Officer has been assigned to verify its correct implementation and to test the associated controls and their efficiency.

**How long do we keep your data?**

Your personal data will be kept for an unlimited period of time. You can unsubscribe from the SMS stakeholder list any time with a simple email to the following address: ECA-InstitutionalRelations@eca.europa.eu.

**Rights of access and rectification**

Pursuant to Articles 4(1)(d), 11(1)(e) and 11(1)(f) of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001, you are entitled to request access to the personal data the ECA holds in your regard and to have them rectified, updated, blocked or deleted if they are inaccurate. You may do this by contacting the ECA at ECA-InstitutionalRelations@eca.europa.eu or modify the data via the link to the online form LINK.

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

The first point of contact is via ECA-InstitutionalRelations@eca.europa.eu, which is managed by the ECA’s Directorate of the Presidency. Should you require any additional information or wish to make a complaint regarding the processing of your personal data, you may contact the Data Protection Officer:

European Court of Auditors
Data Protection Officer
1615 Luxembourg
LUXEMBOURG

E-mail: eca-data-protection(at)eca.europa.eu

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