

Privacy Statement: Call for Expression of Interest – EUCRA-2 Thematic Expert Groups

Personal data collected in the context of the [Call for Expression of Interest for the EUCRA-2 Thematic Expert Groups \(TEGs\)](#) is processed in accordance with **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. 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.

Processing operations are under the responsibility of the EUCRA project team, in the Climate Risk and Resilience Unit of the Climate and Circular Economy Department of the European Environment Agency (EEA), acting as data Controller, regarding the collection and processing of personal data. If you have questions about how your personal data is processed, you may contact the data controller via eucra@eea.europa.eu.

1. Purpose of the Processing Operation

Personal data is collected and processed for the following purposes:

1. **Self-Registration and Application Management:** To evaluate submitted expressions of interest from individuals who register themselves to participate as experts in a EUCRA-2 Thematic Expert Group (TEG).
2. **Nominations:** To contact nominated experts and invite them to formally register their interest in joining a TEG.
3. **Selection and Composition of Expert Groups:** To review candidates' professional backgrounds, ensure balanced representation across sectoral clusters (ecosystems, food systems, infrastructure, health, finance, industry) and stakeholder groups (academia, public authorities, EU agencies, private sector, NGOs, civil society), and manage onboarding for selected experts.
4. **Project Coordination and Communication:** To organize online meetings, distribute materials for written reviews and interviews, facilitate voluntary

contributions, and arrange travel and subsistence reimbursements for any in-person workshops organized by the EEA between December 2026 and March 2028.

3. Categories of Personal Data Processed

The personal data collected is the strict minimum required to ensure that the EEA can follow-up with the nominated and self-registered experts. Depending on whether users register themselves or nominate another expert, the following data may be processed:

A. For Nominated Experts (Submitted by a Nominator)

- **Nominated individual's details:** First and last name, current affiliation, current role, email address.

B. For Self-Registered Applicants & Nominated Experts Submitting Their Full Registration

- **Identification and Contact Data:** First and last name, email address, country, current affiliation (organization and type), current role.
- **Professional and Academic Qualifications:** CVs/resumes, domain expertise and relevant experience, TEG preference, publications, prior professional experience, and other optional statements.

4. Legal Basis for Processing

The processing of personal data is lawful under **Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725**:

- **Article 5(1)(a):** 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 (namely, the EEA's mandate under Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 to provide objective, reliable, and comparable environmental information at European level).
- **Article 5(1)(d):** The data subject has given consent to the processing of their personal data by completing and submitting the survey.

5. Recipients of the Data

Access to your personal data is granted strictly on a need-to-know basis:

- **EEA Staff:** Authorized personnel in the EUCRA-2 project team and relevant administrative services handling expert management.
- **External collaborators:** Members of partner organizations or external contractors under binding legal contracts with the EEA who support EUCRA-2 and may be involved in evaluating applications for EUCRA-2 experts.

6. Retention Period

Personal data will be retained only for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes of the EUCRA-2 project:

- **Non-selected applicants and unaccepted nominations:** Personal data will be retained for up to **18 months** after the selection process closes (December 2026) for administrative checks, audit purposes, or to fill future vacancies in the expert groups, after which it will be securely deleted.
- **Selected experts:** Personal data will be retained for the duration of the EUCRA-2 project lifecycle and kept until final closure of the project activities (expected by **end of 2028**). Administrative or financial records related to travel reimbursements will be kept for **5 years** in accordance with EU Financial Regulation rules.

7. Security Measures

The EEA implements appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect personal data against unauthorized access, loss, misuse, alteration, or destruction. Online forms, databases, and communication channels used for the EUCRA-2 selection process comply with the security standards set out by the European Commission and EEA IT infrastructure.

8. Your Data Protection Rights

Under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, you have the following rights regarding your personal data:

- **Right of Access:** You can request confirmation of whether your personal data is being processed and obtain a copy.
- **Right to Rectification:** You can request the correction of inaccurate or incomplete data.

- **Right to Erasure ('Right to be Forgotten'):** You can request the deletion of your personal data when it is no longer necessary for the processing purpose or if you withdraw your consent.
- **Right to Restriction of Processing:** You can ask us to restrict processing under certain conditions (e.g., if you contest data accuracy).
- **Right to Withdraw Consent:** Where processing is based on consent (e.g., voluntary registration), you may withdraw your consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact the controller at eucra@eea.europa.eu.

9. Recourse and Complaints

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 EEA, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the **European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**:

- **Website:** <https://edps.europa.eu>
- **Email:** edps@edps.europa.eu