



EEA photo competition

Privacy statement for feedback surveys

The personal data you provide in the submission form for the EEA photo competition's feedback surveys 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. Processing operations are under the responsibility of the Head of Unit for Communications, Stakeholders and Networks in the Communication Department, acting as data controller regarding the collection and processing of personal data.

1. Purpose(s) of the processing

Your personal data is processed for the purpose of enhancing and improving the EEA photo competition. To this end, the EEA conducts online surveys addressed to participants to gather feedback on various aspects of the competition. All information collected through these surveys will be used solely in aggregated form and will not allow for the identification of individual participants.

2. Recipients of the data processed

For the purpose detailed above, access to your personal data is given to EEA staff members in the Communication Department who are managing the EEA photo competition. No personal data is shared with third parties for direct marketing purposes or other commercial purposes.

3. Categories of data processed

The only personal data collected and further processed is the information you encode yourself in the submission form. The compulsory fields include your age, country of citizenship and number of participations to the competition, as well as any views you will share via the survey. Your name remains voluntary.

EU Survey records respondents' email addresses and names in backend logs and deletes them after 2 years of inactivity of the survey. The EEA will not collect any IP addresses nor will it use tracking during your submission.

4. Modalities for the processing operation

Participants to the photo competition will receive a customized email invitation including the access link to the survey.

Personal data is provided via a submission form available online via EU Survey (a service provided by the European Commission – DG DIGIT). The privacy policy of the EU Survey tool can be found at the following [link](#). When submitting data online, it will be an automated processing operation whereby you input the data directly in the form which is then stored in a database. All personal data is processed manually for the purpose of collecting feedback on the photo competition.



5. Right of access and rectification

You have no direct access to the data stored. If you wish to modify or delete any of your personal data, you should address your request in writing via our [online form](#).

6. Legal basis

The processing of your personal data is necessary for the performance and support of the numerous tasks carried out by the EEA as mandated by Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of 23 April 2009 on the EEA and Eionet, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of 30 June 2021, and in particular article 2(m) thereof.

7. Legality of processing

Processing is necessary for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest based on Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 on the EEA and Eionet (Article 5(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725). In addition, by submitting answers to our survey, you express explicitly your consent to the processing operation (Article 5(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725).

8. Data retention

Information about name, age and country of citizenship, as well as any personal views shared via the survey, of the entrants are stored for two full years after the completion of the survey starting from the deadline for submission. This retention period is appropriate to the purpose of managing the survey results. Only aggregated and anonymous personal data is processed and kept for statistical purposes after that date.

9. Right to appeal

You are entitled to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (<https://edps.europa.eu>; 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 EEA. You may also contact the EEA's Data Protection Officer (DPO) in case of any difficulties relating to the processing of your data at the following email address: DPO@eea.europa.eu.