



European Committee
of the Regions

Data Protection Notice

EA Network Data Management

1. Introduction

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725 \(EUDPR\)](#).

Your personal data may be collected and processed for the purpose of the normal functioning of the Secretariat of the EA Political Group at the CoR. This DPN outlines how the Secretariat of the EA Political Group at the CoR processes your personal data in the context of its communications, events, and other CoR-related activities.

2. Who is responsible for the processing of personal data?

The CoR is responsible (as controller) for the processing of personal data.

The responsible service (delegated controller) is the European Alliance (EA) Secretariat:

ea-secretariat@cor.europa.eu

3. What is the purpose of the processing?

The EA Group processes personal data to facilitate communication and coordination regarding internal activities within the Committee of the Regions, as well as across the broader EFA family network, including the EFA Group in the European Parliament, the EFA Party, and the Coppieters Foundation. This involves contacting members, Young Elected Politicians (YEPs), Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), and other stakeholders within the EFA-EA network. Additionally, we may reach out to experts and moderators involved in statutory meetings and events organized by the EA Group. This also includes communication activities such as Local Dialogues and communication workshops, specifically aimed at those responsible for managing communication for our members.

4. What is the legal basis for the processing?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5(1)(a) of the EUDPR, according to which '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'.

Personal data related to external persons participating in activities organised by the EA Group in the framework of its tasks will be collected on the basis of Article 5(1)(d) EUDPR, according to which, 'the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes'.

5. What personal data are processed?

The individuals whose personal data is processed include EA full and alternate members, Young Elected Politicians (YEPs), EU Councillors, members of the broader EFA family (such as the EFA Group in the European Parliament and the EFA Party), as well as visitors, invited speakers, and contracted moderators.

We collect and process basic contact details such as the full name, email address, general telephone number, and occasionally mobile phone numbers.

When an EFA Congress or EA External Meeting is being organised, enhanced security measures are required due to the high-level nature of the event. For accreditation purposes, participants must provide the following personal data: full name, date of birth, nationality, ID or passport number, and the document's expiration date. This information is mandatory to obtain access to the Congress venue and for the organisation of the trip for the guests through our contractor CWT.

In the context of the EA meetings and events, photographs may be taken for use on our website and social media platforms. By attending these events, you consent to the use of your image for these purposes. If you do not wish your image to be used, please notify the EA Secretariat in advance at ea-secretariat@cor.europa.eu.

Please note that each social media platform acts as an independent data controller for any personal data it processes when you access and use its services. These platforms apply their own privacy policies and terms of use, which are separate from those of the CoR. We strongly encourage you to review the privacy policies of each platform to understand how your personal data is collected, used, and protected when interacting with their services.

In order to access and interact with the CoR's content on social media platforms (such as by liking, sharing, or commenting on posts), you must first have an account with the respective platform and accept its terms of service and privacy policy. These terms are established independently by the platform and govern how your personal data is collected and processed. The CoR has no control over these platform-specific policies.

6. Who are the recipients or categories of recipients of your personal data?

The recipients of personal data are limited to EA staff members who require access to such data for the performance of their duties, and users of social media platforms engaging with the content of the EA.

7. Are your personal data transferred to a third country or international organisation?

No, your personal data are not transferred to non-EU Member States or to international organisations.

8. How can you exercise your rights?

You have the right to access your personal data, to rectify any inaccurate or incomplete personal data, to restrict (under certain conditions) the processing of your personal data, to request the deletion of your personal data (if processed unlawfully) and, where applicable, the right to data portability. You have the right to object to the processing of your data on grounds relating to your particular situation, at any time. You also have the right to withdraw

your consent at any time. Please note that withdrawal of consent will not have retroactive effect.

You can direct your queries to ea-secretariat@cor.europa.eu.

Your query will be dealt with 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.

You have the right of recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor through the [contact form](#) if you consider that your rights under the EUDPR have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the CoR.

9. How long are your personal data kept for?

Data will be kept for the duration of the membership for each member and alternate, and after that, with their consent, in our former members list to be invited into EA events. Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) participate in the year-long YEP programme. After their participation, we retain their contact details—only with their consent—for the purpose of inviting them to EA or CoR events.

Our team uses two distinct systems for managing contacts: 1. our generic distribution lists for the EA network divided in: EA Members and Alternates, YEPs, Former Members, EFA Family contacts 2. the newsletter and communication management are automatically managed by Dynamics via our webpage subscription.

10. Are the personal data collected used for automated decision-making, including profiling?

No, the CoR will not use your personal data to make automated decisions about you. "Automated decisions" are defined as decisions made without human intervention.

11. Will your personal data be further processed for a purpose other than that for which data have been obtained?

No, your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose.

12. Who do I contact if I have queries or complaints?

If you have any further questions about the processing of your personal data, please contact first of all the data controller using this email address: ea-secretariat@cor.europa.eu.

You may also contact the CoR data protection officer (data.protection@cor.europa.eu) and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor by using the [contact form](#) at any time.