



European Committee
of the Regions

Data Protection Notice

Survey for the study on "How do local and regional authorities support the recognition and development of geographical indications in their territory"

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 before, during, and after the study entitled "How Do Local and Regional Authorities Support the Recognition and Development of Geographical Indications in Their Territory". This will be done through an online survey gathering the opinions and experiences of local and regional authorities (LRAs) in relation to the above-mentioned topic.

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 is Directorate for Legislative Work I – Unit B2 (NAT commission) – nat@cor.europa.eu

The responsible entity for the processing of personal data on behalf of the controller (processor) is CASE – Centre for Social and Economic Research Consulting srl - case@case-research.eu

3. What is the purpose of the processing?

The purpose of the processing is to collect and analyse personal data from participants in the online EU survey and interviews conducted in the framework of the study "How do local and regional authorities support the recognition and development of geographical indications in their territory".

The collected data will be used to assess the experiences, practices, and perspectives of local and regional authorities (LRAs) regarding the recognition and development of geographical indications. Where explicit consent is provided, personal data may be included in the final report to illustrate concrete examples or case studies.

The resulting report will support the Committee of the Regions' (CoR) consultative work on natural resources, contribute to the CoR's reflections on relevant European Commission proposals, and may also inform the CoR's 2026 Report on the State of Regions and Cities.

4. What is the legal basis for the processing?

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 5.1.d of the 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?

First name, last name, email address, function/position in the organisation of the respondents to the survey questionnaire.

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

Your personal data will only be accessed by:

a) European Committee of the Regions (CoR) Directorate for Legislative Work I – Unit B2 (NAT commission) (Data controller)

b) CASE – Centre for Social and Economic Research, ul. Zamenhofa 5/1b - 00-165 Warszawa – Poland (Data Processor)

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. As the legal basis for processing is your consent, 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 nat@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 by using the [contact form](#) at any time 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?

Personal data will be retained for a maximum of one year after the delivery of the final report. If your agreement has been given to include specific examples, written consent must be provided if names are to be associated with these examples.

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, nat@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.