



European Committee
of the Regions

Data Protection Notice

Data processing in the framework of working groups (WGs), joint consultative committees (JCCs) and other political bodies in the CoR

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 \(GDPR\)](#).

Your personal data may be collected and processed within the framework of the organisation of CoR's working groups (WGs), joint consultative committees (JCCs) and other political bodies set up in accordance with Rules 37(e), 37(j), 40(1) and 63(1) of CoR's Rules of Procedure, and the Bureau decision on the setting-up and on the renewal of working groups, joint consultative committees and other political bodies in the CoR's 8th term of office (2025–2030) adopted on 1 April 2025.

Data Processing may include audiovisual material (photographs, videos, audios) to be used for communication purposes of the CoR.

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

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) acts as the data controller for the processing of personal data. The following services act as delegated controllers, in line with their respective responsibilities:

- Unit B.1 NAT (nat@cor.europa.eu)
- Unit B.2 ENVE commission secretariat (enve@cor.europa.eu)
- Unit B.3 CIVEX (civex@cor.europa.eu)
- Unit C.1 COTER (COTER@cor.europa.eu)
- Unit C.2 ECON (econ@cor.europa.eu)
- Unit C.3 SEDEC (sedec@cor.europa.eu)

In addition, the following political groups act as delegated controllers within the scope of their activities:

- EPP (epp@cor.europa.eu)
- PES (pes-group@cor.europa.eu)
- Renew Europe (renew-europe@cor.europa.eu)
- ECR (ecr@cor.europa.eu)
- EA (ea-secretariat@cor.europa.eu)
- The Greens Group (greens.pro@cor.europa.eu)

These roles and responsibilities are defined in the Bureau Decision on the setting-up and renewal of working groups, joint consultative committees, and other political bodies in the CoR's 8th term of office (2025–2030), adopted on 1 April 2025.

3. What is the purpose of the processing?

Your personal data is processed for the organisation of CoR statutory and political bodies' meetings (other than Plenary Sessions, Bureaus and Conferences of Presidents) and for communicating and advertising CoR's activities through its official communication instruments (Internet and social media).

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.

Moreover, you can consult the CoR Website DPN by clicking on this [link](#) and the CoR social media DPN by clicking [here](#).

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. Moreover, personal data is also processed pursuant to Article 5(1)(d) EUDPR, which provides that *'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 following personal data will be processed: surname, first name, official assignment, e-mail address, pictures, video footage and audio recordings.

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

The recipients of your data will be the CoR staff in charge of the organization, management and follow-up of the meetings referred to in Point 1 and 3. Please see information on the delegated controllers above.

Under certain conditions defined by law, we may disclose your information to third parties (such as the European Anti-Fraud Office, the Court of Auditors or law enforcement authorities) if it is deemed necessary and proportionate for lawful, specific purposes. We will never share your personal data for direct marketing purposes.

Your personal data may be communicated to the public in the communication and advertising of CoR's activities through its official communication instruments (Internet and social media). If need be, the files containing the video materials may be slightly altered (for example, brightness and contrast) so that they can be used for the purposes for which they were taken.

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

Your data will not be transferred to a third country or international organisation.

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 can direct your queries to the delegated controller mentioned above. 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. You can contact them by using their [contact page](#) 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?

Your data are kept for one year after the validity of the accreditation period. Audiovisual material in which you may be identifiable—including photographs, video recordings, and audio recordings—once published (for example, on the internet, social media, or in other communication materials), may remain available in those formats indefinitely.

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, please see the email addresses above.

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