

Data Protection Notice

CIVEX Conference — *Celebrating 80 Years of Freedom: Democratic Resilience for the Way Ahead*

Eijsden, the Netherlands — 10 September 2026

1. What does this notice mean?

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) will use some information about you to organise the conference. We must protect this information in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#). In simple terms, personal data is information that can identify you, such as your name or a photo of you.

2. Who is responsible?

The CoR is responsible for your data. The CIVEX team manages it for this conference and acts as delegated controller. You can contact the team (delegated controller) at civex@cor.europa.eu.

3. Why do we use your data?

We use your data to:

- register you for the conference;
- let you enter the venue;
- organise and follow up the event; and use your photos, audio, video or livestreaming only when the necessary consent has been given – if you are under 18, the consent of your parent or legal guardian before using photos, audio or video of you, including livestreaming is needed.

The CoR is not responsible for photos or recordings made privately by other participants.

4. Why are we allowed to use it?

The processing of personal data necessary for the organisation and management of the conference, including participant registration, communication with participants and event administration, is based on Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, as it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest by the Committee of the Regions.

The processing of participants' images and voices through photographs, audio recordings and video recordings is based on Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, namely the consent of the data subject. Consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time without affecting participation in the conference. As minors constitute a particularly vulnerable category of data subjects, the Committee of the Regions applies additional safeguards when processing photographs, audio recordings and video recordings involving minors. Any publication of images or recordings clearly depicting minors will be subject to the appropriate consent or authorisation requirements and carried out with due regard for the rights and best interests of the child.

5. What data do we use?

- information necessary for your registration and access to the conference venue: title, first name, last name.

- photos, audio and video recordings and web streaming related to the CIVEX conference.

If you are under 18, we need both your own consent and the consent of your parent or legal guardian before using photos, audio or video of you, including livestreaming. Consent can be also given via the registration form or at the registration desk on the day of the event. **If you do not want to be photographed or filmed:** ask for a “NO PHOTO” badge at the reception and wear it throughout the event. Without the badge, the photographer may not know your choice, and you could appear in conference photos or videos.

6. Who can see your data?

Only CoR staff who organise, manage or follow up the conference will use your registration data for the purposes of organizing the event.

If the law requires it, the CoR may share information with official bodies, such as anti-fraud, audit or law-enforcement authorities. We will not share your data for direct marketing.

Photographs, audio and video recordings may be taken during the CIVEX Conference on Democratic Resilience and may be published in the context of the event and, more generally, in connection with the communication and public information activities of the European Committee of the Regions, including on its websites and social media channels.

Where necessary, files containing photographic, audio or video material may be subject to minor technical adjustments (such as changes to brightness, contrast or sound quality) solely for the purposes of publication and dissemination for which they were collected.

The Committee of the Regions uses social media platforms to provide information about and promote its activities and events. Photographs, audio and video recordings related to the CIVEX Conference on Democratic Resilience may therefore be published through the Committee's official social media channels, including Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube. The use of social media platforms does not in any way imply endorsement of their privacy policies. Participants are encouraged to consult the privacy policies of the respective platforms to obtain information on how their personal data are collected, processed and protected, as well as on the rights available to users and the means of exercising those rights.

7. What are your rights?

You can ask us to show you your data, correct it, limit how it is used, or delete it when the law allows this. You can also object because of your personal situation. Where relevant, you may ask to receive your data in a portable format. You can withdraw consent at any time; this will not change anything that was lawfully done before you withdrew it.

Email civex@cor.europa.eu in case you would like to make use of these rights. We will normally reply within one month. If the request is complex, the reply may take up to two extra months. You may also contact the contact the CoR Data Protection Officer at data.protection@cor.europa.eu.

If you believe the CoR has not respected your rights, you can complain to the European Data Protection Supervisor at edps@edps.europa.eu.

8. How long do we keep your data?

Your data will be kept for a maximum period of 12 months after the end of the meeting. Your photos, audio and video recordings that have been published (for example on the web or in publications) will remain in that format indefinitely.

9. Will a computer make decisions about you?

No. The CoR will not use your data to make decisions about you without a person being involved.

10. Will we use your data for something else?

No. We will use it only for the purposes explained in this notice.

11. Who can you contact?

Questions about this conference or your data: civex@cor.europa.eu.

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