



## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

**This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.**

**Processing operation:** EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS) Hackathons and Mentoring Programme 2026 – Call for local organisers

**Data Controller:** Directorate General for Defence Industry and Space (DEFIS) – Unit A.1 Defence policy and Innovation [“DG DEFIS Unit A.1” or the “Data Controller”]

**Data Processor:** Consultores de Automatización y Robótica, S.A. (CARSA), [dataprotection@carsa.es](mailto:dataprotection@carsa.es)

Record reference: [DPR-EC-01011]

### **1. Introduction**

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS) Hackathons and Mentoring undertaken by DG DEFIS Unit A.1 is presented below.



## 2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

The Data Controller processes your personal data to collect applications of entities willing to become a local organiser and host one of the EUDIS Hackathons in 2026, and to allow you to receive information related to the application process.

The Data processor is part of consortium contracted to manage the EUDIS Hackathons and Mentoring activity under Framework Contract DEFIS/2023/OP/0006. Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

## 3. On what legal ground (s) do we process your personal data?

We process your personal data, because processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. The Union law which is the basis for the processing based on Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 is the Treaty of the European Union, and more specifically its Articles 1 and 11, Article 298 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, read in conjunction with Recital 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725), as well as the Protocol 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

## 4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation, DEFIS - Unit A.1 collects through CARSA's EMS Platform the following categories of personal data:

- First and last name
- Email address
- Telephone
- Full legal name of the organization where the person works
- VAT number of the organization where the person works
- City and country where the person works

All collected data is used solely for the following overarching purposes:

- Platform registration and account management
- Evaluation of submitted project proposals
- Communication with applicants
- Contracting and project administration for selected applicants
- Compliance with legal, financial, and reporting obligations

Personal data will not be used for purposes other than those described above unless legally required or explicitly authorised by the applicant.



The provision of the personal data listed above (name, email, organization details, etc.) is not a statutory requirement. However, it is a necessary requirement to enter into the selection process for the EUDIS Hackathons and Mentoring Programme local organisers. Failure to provide the requested personal data will result in the inability to register on the platform, submit an application for evaluation, and/or proceed to contracting should your organisation be selected.

## 5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for a maximum of five years after the closure of the file to which the present targeted consultation belongs. A file is closed at the latest once there has been a final outcome in relation to the initiative to which the targeted consultation contributed.

This administrative retention period of five years is based on the retention policy of European Commission documents and files (and the personal data contained in them), governed by the common Commission-level retention list for European Commission files SEC(2019)900. It is a regulatory document in the form of a retention schedule that establishes the retention periods for different types of European Commission files. That list has been notified to the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The administrative retention period is the period during which the Commission departments are required to keep a file depending on its usefulness for administrative purposes and the relevant statutory and legal obligations. This period begins to run from the time when the file is closed.

In accordance with the common Commission-level retention list, after the 'administrative retention period', files including (the outcome of) targeted consultations (and the personal data contained in them) can be transferred to the Historical Archives of the European Commission for historical purposes (for the processing operations concerning the Historical Archives, please see record of processing 'Management and long-term preservation of the European Commission's Archives', registered under reference number DPR-EC-00837).

## 6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission](#)



[Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017](#) on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

The Commission's contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' Regulation (EU) 2016/679.)

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

## 7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with the following contractor's part of the consortium for the purposes of evaluation and processing of your application for the call for local organisers as part of EUDIS Hackathons and Mentoring:

- **Civitta International OU (CIVITTA)** as the prime contractor of the consortium for EUDIS Hackathons and Mentoring
- **Consultores de Automatización y Robótica, S.A. (CARSA)** as consortium member providing the Evaluation Management System
- **Conception, etudes et cooperation de formation (CECOFORMA)** as consortium member
- **Sihtasutus Tallinna Teaduspark Tehnopol (TECHNOPOL)** as consortium member

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission's contractor responsible for carrying out the evaluation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle.



The information we collect will not be given to any other third party. However, where required by law, your personal data may be disclosed to the following categories of recipients:

**EU bodies or institutions in charge of audit or inspection** (such as the European Court of Auditors or the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)) in accordance with the EU Treaties.

## 8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Under certain conditions, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing and the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a), on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

In accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, your request as a data subject will be handled within one month of receipt of the request. That period may be extended by two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the requests. In such case, you will be informed of the extension of the time limit, together with the reasons for the delay.

## 9. Contact information

### The data controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, Unit A.1 Defence Policy and Innovation at [DEFIS-A1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DEFIS-A1@ec.europa.eu)

### The data processor



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### **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) with regard or issues related to the processing of your personal data Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

### **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto: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 Data Controller.

## **10. Where to find more detailed information?**

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: [DPO Public register](#).

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-25709.1.