

***Consultation of stakeholders in the context of the specific contract 21-3030-03/ FWC 2 / FRA / 06
'Ex-ante, interim and ex-post evaluations of FRA projects'***

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA or Agency) processes the personal data of a natural person in compliance with Regulation 2018/1725 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

This data protection notice explains FRA's policies and practices regarding its collection and use of your personal data, and sets forth your privacy rights. We recognise that information privacy is an ongoing responsibility, and we will update this notice where necessary.

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1. Why do we collect personal data?

A selected number of stakeholders from within and outside FRA will be consulted to provide feedback on FRA work through: (a) semi-structured in-depth individual interviews; (b) focus group discussions and, if needed, (b) an online survey to gather information on their satisfaction with the FRA and specific publications they have accessed. This is done in the context of facilitating the operations of performance monitoring, reporting, and evaluation and feedback on FRA activities.

The scope of the consultations will be to include a stakeholder perspective in the context of ex-ante, interim and ex-post evaluations of a selected group of FRA projects, according to the planned projects included in the FRA's Single Programming Document 2023-2025.

The consultations with the stakeholders will be conducted by an external evaluator (ECORYS EUROPE EEIG-GEIE www.ecorys.com) contracted by the Agency.

2. What kind of personal data does the Agency collect?

We will collect only the following personal data necessary for the processing operations described above.

(a) General personal data:

- Personal details (name, surname).
- Contact details (email address, phone number).
- Employment details (function, work experience).
- Other:
 - In the context of the online stakeholder consultations, IP addresses, cookies, metadata or information about participants' devices might be collected by the online tools used to carry out the consultation (LimeSurvey and MS Teams as indicated below).
 - In the context of the semi-structured interviews, focus groups and online survey, opinions provided by the stakeholders might also be collected.

(b) Special categories of personal data:

- When interviews and meetings with stakeholders take place online, racial or ethnic origin, political opinions and/or religious or philosophical beliefs might be incidentally revealed by the image when participants switch on their cameras.

3. How do we collect your personal data?

3a. Information you provide us.

Relevant FRA's stakeholders as well as selected FRA staff members will be identified by FRA and their name, surname, email address and phone number will be shared with the external evaluator ECORYS.

In this regard, ECORYS will then select those stakeholders to be invited to respond to the online survey, focus group discussions, and semi-structured interviews. Stakeholder responses during the interviews and focus group discussions will not be recorded by ECORYS, but assessed based on notes taken during the interviews and focus group discussions. The responses both to the online survey as well as to the interviews and group discussions will be collected and summarised (in anonymised form) in a report by ECORYS, which will not contain personal data.

Participation of stakeholders in the consultation is voluntary. They can discontinue their participation at any time or refuse to answer any question without consequence of any kind and without giving a reason.

3b. Information we collect about you.

For online surveys, FRA's contractor ECORYS has an agreement with the [Lime Survey](#) provider which, for the purposes of communicating with the stakeholders, might collect and process some personal data (such as IP addresses, cookies, metadata or information about participants devices).

For interviews and focus group discussions, ECORYS will use [Microsoft Teams](#) (MS Teams) software. ECORYS has a standard MS Teams license for businesses. MS Teams hosts data in the UK and will process the data mentioned in section 2 in the context of the stakeholder consultations.

3c. Information we receive from other sources.

FRA's contractor ECORYS may also undertake research and collect your personal data (contact details) from third parties such as associations of legal professionals, etc, or information available publicly on Internet websites.

4. Who is responsible for processing your personal data?

The Agency is the legal entity for the processing of personal data and who determines the objective of this processing activity. The Head of Corporate Services Unit is responsible for this processing operation.

The external evaluator referred to above (ECORYS based in Rue Belliard 12, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium – www.ecorys.com) will act as FRA's data processor and will process data on behalf of FRA, as specified under section 1 above.

Moreover, third parties indicated above (LimeSurvey and MS Teams) also process your personal data on behalf of FRA, acting as FRA's sub-processors. Please refer to the data protection notices indicated above.

5. Which is the legal basis for this processing operation?

Stakeholder consultation for the evaluation of FRA's activities is necessary for the performance of the tasks carried out by the Agency in the public interest to achieve its goal to regularly carry out ex ante and ex post evaluations of its activities pursuant to Article 30 (1) of the FRA Founding Regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No. 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights as amended by Regulation (EU) 2022/555).

Therefore, the processing is lawful under Article 5.1.(a) of the Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

The incidental processing of special categories of personal data, such as racial or ethnic origin, political opinions or religious or philosophical beliefs when stakeholders switch their cameras during online consultations is lawful under Article 10(2)(a) of the same Regulation, as specific consent is given by the data subjects.

6. Who can see your data?

A restricted number of FRA staff responsible for the implementation of the above-mentioned project will have access to the collected personal data.

Names, surnames, email addresses, phone numbers, function, work experience and opinions of selected FRA stakeholders members as well as selected FRA staff will be shared with the designated staff of the external evaluator (ECORYS).

Selected staff members of ECORYS (processor), which are bound by specific contractual clauses for any processing operations of stakeholders' personal data on behalf of FRA, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from Regulation (EC) 2018/1725).

The responses provided by the relevant stakeholders will only be available to and assessed by the external evaluator. No other parties (also not FRA) will have access to the responses prior to anonymisation.

7. Do we share your data with other organisations?

Personal data is processed by the Agency and its processor only. In case that we need to share your data with third parties, you will be notified to whom your personal data has been shared with.

8. Do we intend to transfer your personal data to Third Countries/International Organisations

No.

However, the transfer of limited personal data (diagnostic data) outside the EU and EEA might occur when using MS Teams to perform the tasks related to the stakeholders' participation in the interviews. MS Teams servers are based in the UK and therefore, the processing of personal data and any transfer fall under the adequacy decision for the [EU-UK adequacy decision](#) adopted by the European Commission on 28 June 2021. Moreover, as Microsoft is a US based company, it is subject to US Surveillance laws. Such transfers fall under the adequacy decision for the [EU-US Data Privacy Framework](#) adopted by the European Commission on 10 July 2023.

9. When we will start the processing operation?

We will start the processing operation together with the external evaluator in November 2023.

10. How long do we keep your data?

ECORYS will keep the data until **30/09/2024**. After this date, all personal data will be deleted.

11. How can you control your data?

Under Regulation 2018/1725, you have rights we need to make you aware of. The rights available to you depend on our reason for processing your information. You are not required to pay any charges for exercising your rights except in cases where the requests are manifestly unfounded or excessive, in particular because of their repetitive character.

We will reply to your request 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, taking into account the complexity and number of the requests.

You can exercise your rights described below by sending an email request to planning@fra.europa.eu.

11.1. The value of your consent

Your participation in the interviews and focus groups discussions is voluntary and you can discontinue your participation at any time or refuse to answer any question without consequence of any kind and without giving a reason.

Moreover, since interviews and focus groups might take place online, participants will be informed by email about the fact that by switching on their cameras they consent to the processing of the special categories of data mentioned in section 2 in the way indicated in this notice. At the beginning of the meeting, participants will be informed again before the start.

11.2. Your data protection rights

a. Can you access your data?

You have the right to receive information on whether we process your personal data or not, the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, any recipients to whom the personal data have been disclosed and their storage period. Furthermore, you can have access to such data, as well as obtain copies of your data undergoing processing.

b. Can you modify your data?

You have the right to ask us to rectify your data you think is inaccurate or incomplete at any time.

c. Can you restrict us from processing your data?

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. If you do, we can no longer process them, but we can still store them. In some exceptional cases, we will still be able to use them (e.g. with your consent or for legal claims). You have this right in a few different situations: when you contest the accuracy

of your personal data, when the Agency no longer needs the data for completing its tasks, when the processing activity is unlawful, and finally, when you have exercised your right to object.

d. Can you delete your data?

You have the right to ask us to delete your data when the personal data are no longer necessary for the purposes for which they were collected, when you have withdrawn your consent or when the processing activity is unlawful. In certain occasions we will have to erase your data in order to comply with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

We will notify to each recipient to whom your personal data have been disclosed of any rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing carried out in accordance with the above rights unless this proves impossible or involves disproportionate effort from our side.

e. Are you entitled to data portability?

Data portability is a right guaranteed under Regulation 1725/2018 and consists in the right to have your personal data transmitted to you or directly to another controller of your choice.

In this case, this does not apply for two reasons: I) in order for this right to be guaranteed, the processing should be based on automated means, however we do not base our processing on any automated means; II) this processing operation is carried out in the public interest, which is an exception to the right to data portability in the Regulation.

f. Do you have the right to object?

When the legal base of the 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*” which is the case in most of our processing operations, you have the right to object to the processing. In case you object, we have to stop the processing of your personal data, unless we demonstrate a compelling reason that can override your objection.

g. Do we do automated decision making, including profiling?

Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

12. What security measures are taken to safeguard your personal data?

The Agency has several security controls in place to protect your personal data from unauthorised access, use or disclosure. We keep your data stored on our internal servers with limited access to a specified audience only.

Organisational measures taken by FRA include a strict information security policy, control of access to electronically held information, data storage system, data management policy, training of FRA staff on data protection and confidentiality, data retention rules. The Agency’s technical measures comprise physical security, cybersecurity, a strict password policy, secure disposal, pseudonymisation and encryption, and internet activity monitoring. In addition, FRA obliges data processors to apply corresponding security

measures, therefore, FRA's contractor ECORYS has implemented technical and security measures to carry out their obligations under the contract signed with FRA.

13. What can you do in the event of a problem?

- a) The first step is to notify the Agency by sending an email to planning@fra.europa.eu and ask us to take action.
- b) The second step, if you obtain no reply from us or if you are not satisfied with it, contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at dpo@fra.europa.eu.
- c) At any time you can lodge a complaint with the EDPS at <http://www.edps.europa.eu>, who will examine your request and adopt the necessary measures.

14. How do we update our data protection notice?

We keep our data protection notice under regular review to make sure it is up to date and accurate.

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