



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Dissemination of information related to the Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine, including via the initiative's electronic newsletter, and via the subscriber's inclusion in the database of stakeholders on just energy transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine.

Data Controller: Directorate-General for Energy; Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition Unit (ENER.B.1).

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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 “*Dissemination of information related to the Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine, including via the initiative's electronic newsletter, and via the subscriber's inclusion in the database of stakeholders on just energy transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine*” undertaken by Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER.B.1) is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER.B.1) collects and further processes your personal data so that you can receive information that you have requested on developments related to the “Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine”, notably activities, events, publications, funding opportunities and other forms of support. In this context, you will receive related and selected newsletters, reports, invitations for events, announcements about energy policy developments, and other similar content. You will be also included in the initiative’s database of stakeholders on Just Energy Transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine.

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

You have subscribed to receive the information on important developments, activities, events, initiatives or thematic issues in the area of the Directorate-General for Energy and the “Initiative for coal regions in transition in the Western Balkans and Ukraine” co-implemented by the European Commission.

We process your personal data, because you have given your consent to the processing of your personal data for the purpose of receiving the requested information.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER.B.1) collects the following categories of personal data:

Mandatory:

- Your name, surname, title, email address, the organisation that you represent or your affiliation, and your place of residence are needed to ensure the delivery of the service to you as a subscriber.

Optional:

The following data is needed for providing you with a more personalised experience (i.e. better targeting the content of the information):

- Sector
- Position
- Phone number
- City

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller, Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER.B.1) only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection, namely until you unsubscribe from the mailing list.

You can write to the functional mailbox ENER-COAL-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu and ask to be unsubscribed from the mailing list. Appropriate action shall be taken within a week of receiving the request.

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 processor is based in an EU Member State and is bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal 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. 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 other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

The data controller will transmit your personal data to its contractor (data processor), Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIG, Rue Belliard 12, 1040 Brussels (Belgium) N.V., based on a contract pursuant to Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients. The processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

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. Where applicable, 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 consented to provide your personal data to Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER. B.1) for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

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.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, 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, Unit Consumers, Local Initiatives, Just Transition of the Directorate-General for Energy (ENER. B.1) via the functional mailbox ENER-COAL-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer data-protection-officer@ec.europa.eu with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under 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) 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: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-03928.