

**Privacy statement regarding the online information sessions on the  
upcoming 2025 Call for proposals for a new EIT KIC  
in water, marine and maritime sectors and ecosystems  
to be designated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology**

This privacy statement provides information relating to the processing of personal data by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) while organising online information sessions about the (upcoming) Call for proposal for a new EIT KIC in water, marine and maritime sectors and ecosystems (hereinafter referred to as “Information sessions”), created by the EIT.

The processing of personal data of the data subjects follows the provisions of Regulation (EU) 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<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter “Regulation 2018/1725”).

Your personal data will be collected and processed as detailed below.

**What is personal data and what is personal data processing?**

**Personal data** shall mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (“data subject”). An identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, and identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

**Processing** means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automatic means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.

**Who is the controller of the data collection?**

The data controller is the Head of Operations of Innovation, Education and Communication of the EIT.

**Who are the data subjects?**

Speakers and attendees participating in the EIT Water Information sessions organised via Teams on 18 September, 25 September and 2 October 2024, each at 10.30-11.30 AM, and on 7 May 2025 at 10.00-12.00 AM.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018, p. 39.

### **What is the purpose of the personal data collection?**

The processing of the personal data within the context of the Information sessions is necessary to register those who are planning to participate.

### **What types of personal data are collected?**

Registration is needed for the participation in the event. Only registered participants can enter the event. When registering, participants are requested to provide their name, email and the name of their organisation. When registering, participants may give their consent to be included in the EIT Stakeholder Database.

Type of personal data	Who processes the personal data?	Registration and Participation in the info session	Inclusion in the EIT Stakeholder Database
Title	EIT, processor <sup>2</sup>	X	X
Name	EIT, processor	X	X
Email	EIT, processor	X	X
Organisation	EIT, processor	X	X
Type of organisation	EIT, processor	X (optional)	X
Audio and video recording	EIT, processor	X	-
IP Address	processor	X	-
Position, name, email address of the speakers	EIT, processor	X	-
Messages in online chat	EIT, processor	X	-

### **Who has access to the personal data of data subjects and to whom can they be disclosed?**

#### **Within the EIT:**

For the purposes indicated above, access to personal data is provided to the EIT staff, in particular the responsible officers, communication officer, head of unit and head of operations working on the organisation of the communication of the upcoming Call, including the Information sessions.

#### **Within the Commission and other EU institutions/bodies/agencies:**

Access may also be provided for the fulfillment of their tasks to the Internal Audit Service of the Commission, the Court of Auditors (audit purposes), to the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor or the European Court of Justice and the General Court (in case of complaints or litigation).

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<sup>2</sup> The processor(s) are indicated under the point "Who has access to the personal data of data subjects and to whom can they be disclosed?"

### Third parties subject to the GDPR<sup>3</sup> and third parties not subject to the GDPR:

1. The management of the event will be made through “Microsoft Teams”, it acts as processor.

The EIT has subscribed to Microsoft licenses from “Insight Technology Solutions Belgium, Inc.” by contracting through EC DIGIT’s FWC No. DI/08090. The contract contains provisions on data protection.

The privacy statement of Microsoft is available at: <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/privacystatement>.

2. The recordings will be published on EIT’s Youtube channel.  
The privacy policy of Youtube can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/howyoutubeworks/user-settings/privacy/>.

### How long do we keep your data?

- The video recordings of the events will be published on the EIT website for maximum *10 years* and on Youtube (for the retention period, please see the privacy policy of Youtube).
- The personal data of those participants who give consent to be added to the EIT Stakeholder Database shall be managed in accordance with our privacy statement on the EIT Stakeholder Database:  
[https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/stakeholder\\_database\\_privacy\\_statement\\_2019.pdf](https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/stakeholder_database_privacy_statement_2019.pdf).

### What are the rights of the data subject?

In accordance with Articles 15, 17, 18, 19 of the Data Protection Regulation of European Institutions the data subjects have the **right for information**, the **right of access**, the **right of rectification** in case their personal data is not complete or not accurate and the **right to erasure** (“right to be forgotten”).

Data subjects have the right to obtain the **erasure** of their personal data in accordance with Article 19 of the Regulation and in particular in the cases when the personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected, if the data subject withdraws its consent, or in case of unlawful processing. This means that data subjects may opt out of the processing of their personal data (e.g. erase their personal data from the participants list or remove their photo from the EIT website).

Data subjects have also the **right to restriction** of processing of personal data in accordance with Article 20 of the Regulation, and the **right to object** on grounds listed in Article 23 of the Regulation.

The rights of the data subjects can be exercised from the registration period and until the personal data is retained.

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<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)

The rights can be only exercised by sending a request in a written form to the [EIT-Conference@eit.europa.eu](mailto:EIT-Conference@eit.europa.eu). As a general rule, the requests for information, access, rectification, erasure restriction are handled without undue delay and in any event within 15 days of receipt of the request. This period may be extended by two further months, where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the request(s).

Restrictions to the rights of data subjects may be applied by the EIT, in accordance with Article 25 of the Data Protection Regulation of the European institutions and the EIT internal rules on restrictions<sup>4</sup>.

### **Who should be contacted in case of queries or complaints?**

If you have any queries concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to the following email: [EIT-Conference@eit.europa.eu](mailto:EIT-Conference@eit.europa.eu).

You have the right of recourse at any time to the EIT's Data Protection Officer ([EIT-DPO@eit.europa.eu](mailto:EIT-DPO@eit.europa.eu)) and to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([EDPS@edps.europa.eu](mailto:EDPS@edps.europa.eu)) or contact the site: <http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/>.

### **Legal basis of the processing operation**

- Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) ('EIT Regulation')<sup>5</sup>;
- Decision (EU) 2021/820 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing decision No 1312/2013/EU ('EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027')<sup>6</sup>;
- Decision 42/2023 of the EIT Governing Board on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document 2024-2026<sup>7</sup>, as amended by Decision 26/2024 of the EIT Governing Board<sup>8</sup>.

### **Grounds for lawfulness**

In line with Article 5(a) of Regulation No. (EU) 2018/1725, 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 EIT. The launch of Calls for proposals and supporting communication activities are part of the public interest activities of the EIT.

The specific processing of personal data (e.g. organising the information sessions) is allowed only if the data subject gives his/her explicit consent for such processing. Therefore, such processing is lawful based on Article 5 (d) of Regulation No. (EU) 2018/1725.

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<sup>4</sup> The final version has been published at the following link: <https://eit.europa.eu/library/gb-decision-222023-internal-rules-concerning-restrictions-certain-rights-data-subjects>

<sup>5</sup> OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61.

<sup>7</sup> Ares (2023) 8668848

<sup>8</sup> Ares (2024) 4696519