



Record¹ of processing activities regarding the EIT Awards and EIT Women Leadership Award		
Nr	Item	Description
1	Reference number	DPO-24
2	Name of the data controller, the data protection officer and processor², if applicable and contact details	<p>The data controller, responsible for the personal data processing operation relating to the EIT Awards is the Head of Unit Communications & Engagement.</p> <p>The data controller, responsible for the personal data processing operation relating to the EIT Women Leadership Award is the Head of Unit Communications & Engagement, jointly with the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) (joint controllership).³</p> <p>Contact e-mail : EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu</p> <p>Contact e-mail of the Data Protection Officer: EIT-DPO@eit.europa.eu</p>
3	Purposes of the processing	<p>Within the framework of the EIT Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessing the nominations for the EIT Awards and awarding of the prizes, including the award of the finalists who participate in the online public voting for the EIT Public Award. - Enabling the submission, recording, and validation of the EIT Public Award online voting, as well as to ensure the integrity of the voting process by preventing and detecting fraudulent or automated voting activities.

¹ In line with Article 31 of 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39–98)

² For further information, please see “Categories of data recipients”

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organising the travel and accommodation arrangements for award finalists and jury members attending award ceremony events. - Disseminating & reproducing photographs/pictures, presentations, audio and video recording and live streaming of the EIT Awards-related events in various media including EIT publications, the EIT website, social media networks, TV channels and the press, in connection with the event, or for further institutional purposes as well as for promotional activities of the EIT. In this context, the pictures and audio or video recordings of data subjects will be published with specific mention of the persons concerned. <p>Within the framework of the European Prize for Women Innovators (EIT Women Leadership Award):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluating the applications for EIT Women Leadership prize category and awarding of the prizes. - Organising the travel and accommodation arrangements for award finalists and jury members attending award ceremony events. <p>The Women Innovators and Rising Innovators prize categories are managed by the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) separately.</p>
4	Categories of data subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All the nominees who have submitted an application for the EIT Awards (i.e. Changemaker Award, Innovation Team Award, Venture Award), the members of the jury, and the KIC Single Point of Contacts (SPOCs) who participate in the nomination process. - All the individuals who cast a vote for the EIT Public Awards via the official online voting tool. - All the applicants for the EIT Women Leadership Award and the members of the jury.
5	Categories of the personal data processed	<p>Within the context of the EIT Awards, the following types of personal data are processed:</p> <p>In relation to the nominees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By EIT: name; date and place of birth; gender; address; contact details; website and social media profiles (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn); nationality; data related to education and prior employment; innovations and achievements; photo and video of the nominee (all categories) and team (only Venture Award and Innovation Team Awards); pictures, audio- and video recordings during the EIT Awards-related event. In addition to the above, legal identification data, copy of the identity document, and financial identification data such as banking details are also collected. - By Creative Force Ltd. (i.e. processor): name, online identifier, email address



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By ICF Next S.A. (i.e. processor): name; contact details; date and place of birth; gender; address; nationality; legal identification data. <p>In relation to the KIC SPOCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By EIT: name, email address - By Creative Force Ltd. (i.e. processor): name, online identifier, email address. <p>In relation to the jury members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By EIT: name, email address, photo, and short bio. - By Creative Force Ltd (i.e. processor): name, online identifier, email address. - By ICF Next S.A. (i.e. processor): name; contact details; date and place of birth; gender; address; nationality; legal identification data. <p>In relation to EIT Public Award voters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By EIT: email addresses; Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. - By Uni Systems S.M.S.A. (i.e. processor): email addresses; Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. - By DG DIGIT of the European Commission (i.e. processor): email addresses; Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. <p>Within the context of the European Prize for Women Innovators (EIT Women Leadership Award), the following types of personal data are processed:</p> <p>In relation to the applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By EIT: name; date and place of birth; gender; address; contact details; nationality; video of the applicant, audio- and video recordings during the award ceremony event. In addition to the above, legal identification data, copy of the identity document, and financial identification data such as banking details are also collected. - By DG RTD of the European Commission (i.e. processor): as indicated in their privacy statement. - By ICF Next S.A. (i.e. processor): name; contact details; date and place of birth; gender; address; nationality; legal identification data.
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6	Categories of data recipients	<p>Within the EIT:</p> <p>The personal data of the data subjects are processed by the EIT staff responsible for the EIT Awards, including the EIT Public Award, and the EIT Women Leadership Award procedure (Administrators, Assistants, Head of Unit Communications & Engagement, Legal Officers, Finance Assistants and Financial Verification Agent, Directorate); by the members of the EIT Evaluation Committee who assess the admissibility, eligibility and selection criteria and by the members of the jury assigned by the EIT, who will evaluate the nominees/applicants against the award criteria.</p> <p>Within the Commission and other EU institutions/agencies/bodies:</p> <p>With regard to the EIT Women Leadership Award, personal data of the subjects might also be processed in connection to their participation in relevant events under the umbrella of the European Prize for Women Innovators. The EU Prize for Women Innovators award ceremony will be organised and managed by EIC/EISMEA.</p> <p>The EU Funding & Tenders Portal managed by the European Commission is used for the submission of applications for EIT Women Leadership Award. By submitting the application, all applicants accept to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the Portal Terms & Conditions. Details are explained in the Funding & Tenders Portal Privacy Statement.</p> <p>The personal data of the EIT Public Award voters is processed by the European Commission Directorate-General for Digital Services (DG DIGIT). The role of DIGIT in the processing operation is the storage of the personal data. The EIT has a Service Level Agreement with DG DIGIT that includes several provisions on the protection of personal data.</p>



	<p>The EUSurvey tool, managed by the European Commission might be used for collecting data, including personal data, necessary for the participation of nominees/applicants and jury members in activities related to the EIT Awards and the EIT Women Leadership Award (e.g. travel and accommodation arrangements, booking of training activities, etc.). All personal data collected within such a survey will be processed by and under the responsibility of the EIT. The EUSurvey privacy statement is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/home/privacystatement.</p> <p>The personal data of data subjects may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) of DG Budget, if they are in one of the situations mentioned in Article 138 of the EU Financial Regulation⁴. For more information, see the Commission's privacy statement on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm.</p> <p>If requested, personal data can be disclosed to the responsible unit in Directorate-General Education and Culture (DG EAC), the partner DG of the EIT. Additionally, it may be disclosed to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for investigation purposes.</p> <p>In case of an audit or complaint/appeal, the personal data can be disclosed to the auditors in the Commission, and to other EU institutions such as the European Court of Auditors, the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor, the General Court of the European Union, and the European Court of Justice.</p> <p>Third parties subject to the GDPR⁵ and third parties not subject to the GDPR:</p> <p>With regard to the EIT Awards, the personal data of the data subjects may also be processed, in connection with the media and pitch/presentation training and the EIT Awards-related events, by the external contractor(s) of the EIT, in line with EU and national legislation and their relevant contractual requirements.</p>
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⁴ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast)

⁵ 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, OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1–88)



		<p>The personal data of the nominees for the EIT Awards will be processed, in connection with the submission of the online applications by the external contractor of the EIT. Creative Force Ltd., established in Malta, is an external service provider (i.e. processor). Their product, Award Force, is used for the submission of applications by the nominees and for the jury evaluation. Therefore, Creative Force processes personal data related to the nominees, to the jury and to the KIC SPOCs. Their privacy statement and their cookie policy are available at: https://www.creativeforce.team/privacy-policy/. Personal data are stored in the EU.</p> <p>Concerning the EIT Public Awards, the personal data of the data subjects is processed by Uni Systems S.M.S.A., an external IT service provider established in Greece. Uni Systems S.M.S.A supports the EIT with website content management and website module development, including the management of the website modules used for the EIT Public Award voting process. Uni Systems S.M.S.A can retrieve, consult, structure, and transmit to the EIT personal data of the data subjects for the purpose of the data processing operation.</p> <p>The written framework contract between the EIT and Uni Systems S.M.S.A. contains several provisions on the protection of personal data. Their privacy statement and their cookie policy are available at: https://www.unisystems.com/privacy-policy.</p> <p>With regard to the EIT Women Leadership Award, personal data of the subjects might also be processed in connection to their participation in relevant events under the umbrella of the European Prize for Women Innovators. The EU Prize for Women Innovators award ceremony will be organised and managed by EIC/EISMEA.</p> <p>ICF NEXT S.A., as the external contractor of the EIT involved in the organisation of the events and meetings, is processing the personal data on behalf of the EIT. The written framework contract between the EIT and ICF Next S.A. contains several provisions on the protection of personal data. The privacy statement of ICF can be found here: https://www.icf.com/legal/privacy-statement.</p> <p>In particular, as event organiser, ICF NEXT S.A. may be responsible for maintaining online forms and registration platforms and the management of travel arrangements (flight/train tickets, hotel bookings, local transfers).</p>
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7	Time limit storage	<p><u>1) Data of prize winners:</u> the personal data of the prize winners is retained for a period of ten years from the date of the notification letter to the awarded nominees/applicants.</p> <p>Any further data required for statistical purposes should be kept in an anonymous form.</p> <p><u>2) Data of non-awarded nominees/applicants</u> are kept for a period of five years from the date of the notification letter to the non-awarded nominees/applicants for the purposes of potential review procedures and for budgetary or audit purposes. In case the length of the review procedure exceeds the period of five years, the relevant data are kept for the duration of the ongoing review procedure.</p>



		<p>3) <u>Data of jury members</u>: the personal data of the jury members is retained for a period of five years from the date of the award decision for the EIT Awards and for the EIT Women Leadership Award procedure.</p> <p>4) <u>Data of KIC SPOCs</u>: the personal data for the KIC SPOCs is retained for a period of five years following the termination of their task as KIC SPOCs.</p> <p>5) <u>Data of EIT Public Award voters</u>: the personal data of the data subjects is retained for a period of three months after the end of the EIT Awards ceremony. The retention period may be extended for the duration of any complaint or legal proceedings relating to the voting procedure and shall end no later than 30 days after their final resolution.</p>
8	If applicable, transfers of personal data to a third country or to international organization (if yes, the identification of that third country or international organization and the documentation of suitable safeguards)	Please see “6. Categories of data recipients”
9	Legal basis and lawfulness	<p>1) General legal basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation (EU) 2021/819⁶ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (“EIT Regulation”); • Decision (EU) 2021/820⁷ 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

⁶ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61

⁷ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 91–118



		<p>the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe and repealing Decision No 1312/2013/EU (“Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027”);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation (EU) 2021/695⁸ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013); • Regulation (EU, Euratom)2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast).⁹ <p>2) Specific EIT legal basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision 21/2019¹⁰ of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology on the financial regulation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology; • Decision 36/2024 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology on the Adoption of Final Single Programming Document (2025-2027)¹¹; <p><u>Lawfulness of the processing operation, the consent of the data subject</u></p> <p>In line with Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation 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. In particular, the provision of the EIT Awards contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the EIT as laid down in the EIT Regulation and the Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027 of the EIT.</p>
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⁸ OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1–68

⁹ OJ L 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, p. 1.

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		Furthermore, the processing is also lawful based on Article 5(d) of Data Protection Regulation of the European institutions: the data subjects are free to give their data on a voluntary basis and can withdraw their consent any time.
10	General description of the technical and organisational security measures	Access to personal data processed by the EIT is limited to the designated staff of the EIT on a need-to-know basis. Technical measures are in place.
11	For more information, including how to exercise rights to access, rectification, object and data portability (where applicable), see the privacy statement:	Please consult the Data Protection page on the EIT website at the following link: https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/legal-framework/data-protection

Signature of the data controller (Approval is given via a workflow in ARES in place of a handwritten signature)

Annex: Privacy statement