

Privacy statement regarding the online registration and participation in the Financial Sustainability Workshop of 26 February 2026 organised by the European Institute of Innovation

This privacy statement provides information relating to the processing of personal data by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) while managing the online registration and participation in the Financial Sustainability 2026 Workshop. 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 data¹ (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 Knowledge and Innovation Communities of the EIT.

Who are the data subjects?

The data subjects are the registered event participants.

What is the purpose of the personal data collection?

The objective of the workshop is to share the experience of EIT and KICs on financial sustainability related issues with representatives of European Partnerships (EPs) and provide EP participants with guidance and advice on possible solutions to achieve sustainability in their activities.

The processing of the personal data within the context of the workshop is necessary for the following purposes:

¹ OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018, p. 39.

- To register people participating in the event;
- To ensure the efficient organisation and management of the event, including the management of participation list, invitations, reporting and follow-up activities;
- To create awareness and promote the visibility of the event, particularly by means of media and publications.

The workshop will be held in person at European Commission's premises (QUARTIER LEOPOLD - Mondrian (champ de Mars) - Floor -01 Room 127-131, Brussels)). Video-surveillance is ensured at the European Commission's premises, in accordance with its rules².

Registration is required for all participants of the event. The registration is managed online by the EIT.

What type of personal data are collected?

Within the context of the event organised by the EIT, the following types of personal data are processed in relation to the data subjects:

- As part of the online registration process the following personal data are processed for all participants: family name, first name, name of the organisation, position in the organisation, contact details: e-mail address. In addition to the above, participants at the event are given the opportunity to indicate individual requirements e.g. those pertaining to diet, mobility and attendance at the meeting.
- Photographs/pictures may be taken during the event. For all the above processing operations, the data subject can decide to explicitly give his/her permission during the online registration. In case the data subject does not give consent, he/she will be given a special badge. Photographs of the event may be reproduced in various media including EIT publications, the EIT website, social media networks in connection with the event for visibility purposes and/or for further institutional purposes as well as for promotional activities of the EIT.

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 responsible for the organisation of the event and for the follow-up activities, if relevant.

The event is organised in cooperation with ERA-Learn; however, all personal data will be collected, held, and managed exclusively by EIT and will not be shared.

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

² https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/f45591d9-ff93-4acc-b0cd-cc2480d03700_en?filename=European-Commission-video-surveillance-policy-full%20text_en.pdf

For the provision of catering to the participants, the service CARES of the Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB) Directorate of the European Commission will be used, no personal data will be shared with them. 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).

In order to ensure access to the European Commission's premises, access to certain types of personal data will be requested by European Commission's staff³. Moreover, for security reasons CCTV is installed in the buildings, and information about the treatment and compilation is provided⁴.

How long do we keep your data?

- Personal data of the participants of the event, the retention period is *5 years* after the EIT Financial Sustainability 2026 Workshop budget is discharged in accordance with the EU Financial Regulation and the EIT Financial Regulation;
- Reports of the event will be kept for audit purposes for a period of *5 years* after the EIT Financial Sustainability 2026 Workshop budget is discharged in accordance with the EU Financial Regulation⁵ and the EIT Financial Regulation;
- After the above-mentioned retention periods, the data relating to the event required for scientific or historical research purposes, statistical purposes should be kept in an anonymous form.

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.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R1725>
https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/bbcd9bc6-6114-46ff-9a06-ea7bc545c01e_en?filename=privacy_statement_pacs_en.pdf

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/system/files/2019-11/ec-video-surveillance-policy_en.pdf

⁵ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222

The rights can be only exercised by sending a request in a written form to the fsworkshop@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 restrictions⁶.

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: fsworkshop@eit.europa.eu.

You have the right of recourse at any time to the EIT's Data Protection Officer (EIT-DPO@eit.europa.eu) and to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS@edps.europa.eu) or contact the site: https://www.edps.europa.eu/data-protection/data-protection_en.

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')⁷;
- 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')⁸;
- GB Decision 36/2024 of the EIT Governing Board on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2025-2027)⁹, as the multiannual financing decision for 2025-2027.

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 organisation of conferences and events is part of the public interest activities of the EIT.

The specific processing of personal data (e.g. taking photographs) 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.

⁶ 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>

⁷ OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1.

⁸ OJ L 189, 28.5.2021, p. 61.

⁹ Ares(2024)9134718