

Privacy statement regarding the “Online Info Session - 2027 European Prize for Women Innovators” organised on 17 September 2026

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 event “**Online Info Session - 2027 European Prize for Women Innovators**” organised on 17 September 2026.

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”).

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, an 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 automated 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?

The data controller is the Head of Operations of Innovation, Education and Communication (Operations 2).

Who are the data subjects (in particular)?

Speakers and attendees participating in the “**Online Info Session - 2027 European Prize for Women Innovators**” organised on 17 September 2026, 11h00-12h00 CEST.

What is the purpose of the personal data processing?

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and the European Innovation Council (EIC) are organising the 2027 edition of the European Prize for Women Innovators, in line with the draft EIT 2026-

¹ OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018, p. 39-98.

2028 Single Programming Document² and EIC 2026 Work Programme³. The European Prize for Women Innovators celebrates the women entrepreneurs behind Europe's most game-changing innovations. The prize awards women from across the EU and countries associated to [Horizon Europe](#), whose disruptive innovations are driving positive change for people and planet.

This info session, carried out in webinar format, will inform individuals interested in applying to the 2026 European Prize for Women Innovators. It takes place online on 17 September from 11:00 to 12:00 CEST. This webinar helps potential applicants familiarise themselves with the details regarding the application process and award procedure for each of the prize categories, with the purpose of helping them prepare their applications.

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

- To manage the info session, including registration and participation of speakers and attendees.
- To include participants, upon their consent, in the EIT Stakeholder Database.
- To record and disseminate the info session audio and video recording.

What types of personal data are processed?

Registration is needed for participation in the event. Only registered participants can attend 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. The info session will be recorded for dissemination purposes. In this sense, the audio and video feed of speakers, as well as their names, will be captured during the recording. Names of attendees might be captured during the recording.

Type of personal data	Who processes the personal data?	Registration and Participation in the Info Session	Inclusion in the EIT Stakeholder Database	Recording of the info session
Title	EIT, processor ⁴	X	X	X
Name	EIT, processor	X	X	X
Email	EIT, processor	X	X	-
Organisation	EIT, processor	X	X	X
Type of organisation	EIT, processor	X (optional)	X	-
Audio and video recording	EIT, processor	X	-	X
IP Address	processor	X	-	-
Position, name, email address of the speakers	EIT, processor	X	-	-

² Decision 29/2025 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation And Technology (EIT) on the adoption of the Final Single Programming Document (2026-2028) of the EIT.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2025)7410 of 5 November 2025 on the financing of the European Innovation Council component of the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027) and on the adoption of the Work Programme for 2026.

⁴ The processor(s) are indicated under point “Who has access to the personal data of data subjects and to whom can they be disclosed?”

Messages in online chat	EIT, processor	X	-	X
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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 Director, the Head of Operations, the responsible Head of Unit, and EIT staff managing the event.

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

Video and audio recordings will be shared with the relevant staff of the European Innovation Council for dissemination purposes.

Exceptionally, authorised staff of the following EU institutions may have access to relevant personal data for audit control or investigation purposes: the Court of Auditors, the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

For the purpose of handling review procedures and litigation, access to the personal data may also be granted to the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor, the General Court, and the European Court of Justice to the extent necessary for handling the review procedure and litigation.

Third parties subject to the GDPR⁵ and third parties not subject to the GDPR:

1. The management of the event will be made through “Microsoft Teams”, which acts as the processor. This includes the processing of participant registrations as well as the processing of the video and audio feed of speakers and attendees.

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

The privacy statement of Microsoft is available at:

<https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/privacystatement>

2. The audio and video recording of the info session will be published on EIT’s YouTube channel for dissemination purposes.

The privacy policy of YouTube is available at:

https://www.youtube.com/intl/ALL_ie/howyoutubeworks/our-commitments/protecting-user-data/#privacy-guidelines

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)

How long do we keep your data?⁶

The audio and video recording of the event will be published on YouTube and the EIT website, and the EIC website.

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).

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.

Data subjects also have 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.

The rights can be exercised by sending a request in written form to eit-stakeholder-relations@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 30 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 restrictions⁷.

Who should be contacted in case of queries or complaints?

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: <http://www.edps.europa.eu/EDPSWEB/>.

⁶ It contains the retention periods applied by the EIT.

⁷ GB Decision 22c-2023 on internal rules concerning restrictions of certain data subject rights.pdf (europa.eu)

Legal basis of the processing operation

General legal basis

- Regulation (EU) 2021/819 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology.⁸
- 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/EU⁹

Specific EIT legal basis

- Decision 29/2025 of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) on the adoption of the final single programming document (2026-2028) of the EIT.

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.

In accordance with Article 5(d) of Regulation No. (EU) 2018/1725, the data subject can be added to the EIT Stakeholder Database in case he/she agrees, i.e. the data processing is lawful based on the consent of the data subject, for further information, please see the relevant privacy statement:

https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/stakeholder_database_privacy_statement_2019.pdf

⁸ OJ L 18 of 28.5.2021, p. 61

⁹ OJ L 189 of 28.5.2021., p. 91.