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**DATA PROTECTION NOTICE**  
**ERCEA Department B**  
**Survey on ERC Remote Evaluation and Ethics Meetings**

This notice concerns the processing operation called ‘**Survey on ERC Remote Evaluation and Ethics Meetings**’. This processing requires the handling of personal data and is therefore subject to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (Data Protection Regulation)<sup>1</sup>.

**1. What personal information do we collect, from where and for what purpose?**

**1.a) Personal data**

Data subjects provide feedback to this survey on a voluntary basis. While no personal data is collected in this survey, there exists the possibility that an individual could be inadvertently identified based on their responses to the questions. Every effort will be made in the processing of the results to ensure that this does not occur. In any case no personal data or data that can identify the participant will be shared. The data provided is to be reviewed in an anonymised way and the results of the survey will be shared in an aggregated anonymous format.

**1.b) Purposes of the processing**

The purpose of this survey is to obtain an overview of experts’ views on remote meetings compared to on-site meetings based on their experience in 2020. Their feedback and input will be shared with the ERC Scientific Council (ScC) for their reflections on the organisation of panel meetings in a post-COVID era.

As already mentioned, participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. It is based on your unambiguous consent and there are no consequences in case of non-participation.

**1.c) From where the data is collected**

The data are collected directly from participants when they submit the survey. The information will be collected and processed using the EUSurvey platform. Once the survey has been completed, all data will be exported to an excel sheet to enable the compilation of answers.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## **2. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?**

The persons with access to the result of the survey, on a need-to-know basis, are:

- Authorised ERCEA personnel in charge of launching the survey;
- Authorised staff members in the IT Unit (D.1) and DG DIGIT in charge of developing, hosting and maintaining the system;
- Members of the ERC ScC.

## **3. What are your rights?**

You have the right to withdraw your consent and to have your personal data (if any) erased within the six-month period, as specified below, following the closure of the survey. The processing based on your consent before its withdrawal will remain lawful.

To exercise any of these rights, you should apply to the Head of Department B, who is responsible for such processing (i.e. the Data Controller), by sending an e-mail specifying your request to the mailbox indicated in point 5.

## **4. How long do we keep your data?**

Your contribution to the survey will be deleted within six months following the closure of the survey.

## **5. Contact information**

If you would like to receive further information, you can contact the responsible person (the Data Controller), Head of Department B via the mailbox: [ERCEA-EXPERTS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ERCEA-EXPERTS@ec.europa.eu)

The ERCEA Data Protection Officer is at your disposal for any clarification you might need on your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 at the following e-mail address: [ERC-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ERC-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto: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.

## **6. Legal basis**

The legal basis for the processing operation are Article 5(1)(d) of the Data Protection Regulation:

*Art. 5.1(d) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes.*