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SPECIFIC PRIVACY STATEMENT
ERCEA A1 - Support to the ERC Scientific Council
Survey on Widening European Participation

This statement concerns the processing operation called "Survey on Widening European Participation". This processing requires the handling of personal data, and is therefore subject to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001¹.

1. What personal information will be collected, for what purpose and by what means?

The survey aims to gather information from successful and unsuccessful ERC applicants on the topic of widening the European participation in ERC competitions. The survey will try to identify problems, limits, and possible actions for fostering ERC participation among the countries that were less successful in the previous ERC calls. Information is collected to inform the members of the ERC Scientific Council Working Group on Widening European Participation about possible ways how to further improve the balance of participation in ERC calls from all European countries.

A survey consists of a number of questions that the respondent has to answer, processed through an online survey system SurveyMonkey (online survey tool) with survey solicited by e-mail. After the collection period the survey is closed and no further answers will be possible. The data is subsequently transferred to a database in form of an excel table for further analysis. The data in Excel is depersonalised to ensure that no connection with the participant can be made.

For this specific survey, the following ERCEA applicants' data will be used for the purpose of invitation to participate in the survey: first name, last name, email address, ERC call, ERC funding scheme, ERC domain, and country of host institution. The survey questionnaire further will collect the following additional information: international dimensions of an ERC application, career opportunities in country of host institution, support in applying to ERC, support in managing ERC grants, individual recommendations for widening the European participation in ERC competitions.

The results of the survey will not be used to evaluate or assess ERC applicants in any way. Answers to the survey questionnaire are processed in an anonymous form and participation is voluntary.

¹ Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.

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

The raw data and information gathered in this survey is accessible only to a strictly limited number of selected members of ERCEA administrative and technical staff. The anonymised and aggregated survey results will be provided to the ERCEA Unit supporting the Scientific Council, which is the controller of this survey, who will in turn provide a read only document with survey results to the members of ERC Scientific Council, ERCEA management, and a limited number of ERCEA staff dealing with the topic of widening European participation issues.

3. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

Access to the IT infrastructure on which the survey is based is limited to ERCEA system administrators with advanced data security ensured by online survey tool provider ([SurveyMonkey Security Statement](#)) Access to the survey content is controlled via 'active directory authentication' (username and password). Access to the survey results is limited to selected ERCEA staff listed above.

4. How long do we keep your data?

Individual responses will be deleted from SurveyMonkey server no later than two months after the survey will close. All personal data will be deleted from the survey databases during its exportation into an aggregated and anonymous form. Only anonymised survey results will be presented.

5. How can you access, verify, modify or delete your data?

To verify, modify, correct or delete any personal data you can contact ERC-A1-CSA@ec.europa.eu by sending an e-mail giving details of your request.

The ERCEA Data Protection Officer is at your disposal for any clarification you might need on your rights under Regulation (EC) 45/2001: ERC-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu

You have the right to have recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EC) 45/2001 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the ERCEA.

8. Legal basis

The legal basis references which apply to the above processing operations are contained in Note from the Head of Unit ERCEA/A1 [ercea.a.1(2014)2904709] addressed to the Director of the Agency.