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DATA PROTECTION NOTICE ERCEA Department B

Publication of the ERC Panel Members names on the ERC website prior to the end of evaluation

This notice concerns the processing operation called “Publication of the ERC Panel Members names on the ERC website”. This processing requires the handling of personal data and is therefore subject to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (Data Protection Regulation)¹.

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

1.a. Personal data

The types of personal data collected and processed are:

- Identification and communication data:
 - First name, family name, affiliation (laboratory, Department, University or Institution, email address).
- Data related to the Panel Member’s contract with the ERCEA:
 - ERC call year, ERC call, ERC domain, panel.

1.b. Purposes of the processing

For increased transparency it has been decided by the Scientific Council in their February 2024 meeting to publish the names of Panel Members at an earlier stage.

The overall purpose of this processing operation is to enable, coordinate and monitor the consent of ERC Panel Members across calls in a swift and efficient way by using the IT Tool called "PAN: Panel Nominations"², to avoid risk of errors and excessive exchanges of emails containing personal data between the correspondents and a possible impact on the same data subjects.

The PAN tool allows the ERC Panel Member to consent (or not) to their name being published on the ERC website prior to the end of the evaluation of the call they are working for and more specifically before Step 1. The personal information collected through this tool may be consolidated in data files (e.g. excel) for further monitoring and analysis.

1.c. From where the data are collected

Personal data such as the first name, last name and affiliation of the Panel Members (e.g.

¹ 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 You may access the ERCEA record of personal data processing on the PAN IT tool [here](#).

laboratory, Department, University/Institution) are collected directly from ERC PAN tool.

The personal data is necessary in order to be able to identify who has given their consent for their name to be published on the ERC Website prior to the end of the evaluation they are working for.

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

The persons with access to your personal data are:

- From ERCEA B: authorised personnel dealing with the publication of the ERC Panel Members names on the ERC website.
- Staff in the ERCEA in charge of developing, hosting and maintaining the PAN IT tool.

Your personal data will not be transferred to third countries or international organisations. Note that all personal data in electronic format are stored either on the servers of the European Commission's data centre or in Microsoft data centres in the EU (linked to the EC M365 environment). To protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place several strong contractual safeguards, complemented by technical and organisational measures. Read more [here](#).

3. What are your rights?

You have the right to access the personal data the ERCEA holds about you and to request to have them rectified where necessary. Where applicable, you have the right to request restriction or to object to processing, to request a copy or erasure of your personal data held by the data controller.

To exercise any of these rights, you should apply to the Head of Unit, who is responsible for such processing (i.e. the Controller), by sending an e-mail specifying your request to the mailbox indicated in point 5. Please note that in some cases restrictions under the terms and conditions of Article 25 of the Data Protection Regulation may apply.

As this processing of your personal data is based on your consent [point (d) of Article 5(1)], please note that you can withdraw it at any time, and this will have effect from the moment of your retraction. The processing based on your consent before its withdrawal will remain lawful.

4. How long do we keep your data for?

The collected personal data will be kept for a maximum period of one year from the date of the consent as declared in PAN. Data will be deleted at the end of this period.

5. Contact information

If you would like to receive further information, you can contact the responsible unit (the Data Controller), Call and Project Follow-up Coordination Unit, via the mailbox: ERC-B2-CALL-COORDINATION@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.

You may lodge a complaint to the European Data Protection Supervisor (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 is:

- Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1728: *“the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes”*.