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**DATA PROTECTION NOTICE**  
**ERCEA Communication Unit A2**  
**Online vote/Poll for the**  
**ERC Public Engagement with Research Award 2022**

This notice concerns the processing operation called “**Online vote/Poll for the ERC Public Engagement with Research Award**”. 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**

When poll are submitted, certain personal data may be collected. This data is technically necessary to deliver the web application correctly. In addition to the reply to the poll, the data includes information such as: version and type of web browser used operating system, IP address, the domain name of your Internet service provider, and the time of your access to the web application. The collection and aggregation of these data lead to their subsequent statistical analysis.

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

The purpose of this processing operation is to obtain an overview of the current and future opinions or concerns of the internet users.

Participation in the online vote for the ERC Public Engagement with Research Award 2022 is entirely optional. It is based on unambiguous consent and there are no consequences in case of non-participation.

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

Data are collected directly from participants when they submit their vote via PollUnit. Participation is possible without registration. All names of the voters will be made anonymous: instead of a name, everyone gets a random anonymous name, e.g. Anonymous-12345678.

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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 your personal data, on a need-to-know basis, are:

- Authorised ERCEA personnel of A2 in charge of customizing and launching the poll;
- Staff members of PollUnit for purpose of managing the tool: all employees and developers of Poll Unit are obliged to maintain confidentiality and are subject to a confidentiality obligation.

## 3. What are your rights?

You may be allowed to access and modify your responses after completing the poll until the poll is closed. You have the right to withdraw your consent and to have your data erased within the two-month period, as specified below, following the closure of the poll. 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 Unit A2 Communication of ERCEA, 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.

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

The personal information are kept only for the strict period necessary for compiling the final anonymization and/or aggregate results of the overall poll. Personal data will be deleted within two months following the closure of the survey.

The ERCEA may envisage anonymous statistical analyses with the purpose to improve the quality and management of the processes. However, the retention periods mentioned above will not be increased.

## 5. Contact information

If you would like to receive further information, you can contact the responsible person (the Data Controller), Head of Unit A2 Communication of ERCEA via the mailbox:  
[erc-webmaster@ec.europa.eu](mailto:erc-webmaster@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)(b) and (d) of the Data Protection Regulation:*

- *(b) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject:*
  - *the ERC External communication strategy 2022*
- *(d) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes.*