



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data

Processing operation: Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021

Data Controller: European Commission, DG MARE, Unit C3

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1. Introduction

The European Commission is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021. It explains the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021, undertaken by Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), Unit C3 of the European Commission, is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation

DG MARE, Unit C3 is responsible for the overall organisation of the event, the communication with the speakers and participants before and after the end of the event, as well as communication and promotion of the event.

The purpose of the processing of your personal data is handling registration and attendance, identify and invite plenary speakers and discussants, reporting on the event, as well as event follow-up actions, such as sharing presentations among participants and feedback collection. It includes, in particular, lists and mailing lists for contacts, invitations, participants, reports, minutes, distribution of reports/minutes, feedback on reports, meeting follow-up, photographs/pictures, presentations, audio and/or video recording of speakers and participants, news and publications.

Your personal data will be used for automated decision-making profiling for AI matchmaking on the networking platform, Swapcard. But, only if you opt-in for the networking/attendee list module. After the event ends, your data will be removed from the system and not be used for any automated decision-making profiling.

Personal data will be collected through the following means:

1. During the registration process to the public Event, which is mandatory.
 2. During the event itself, via the event platform.
- The collection of pre-registration data and email campaigns will be managed via the software **Aventri**. The system uses essential cookies and cookies to improve your website experience and to generate anonymous, aggregate user statistics. Aventri does not do anything with the data apart from storing it for the Contractor (MCI Benelux S.A). Event reminder emails and a post-event follow up email will be sent through Aventri ([cookie](#)

[policy](#)). The only cookies that will be collected during the registration process for this event are:

- **PHPSESSID**: Retains session state of a user activity (1st Party – Session Cookie)
- **Regtoken**: To track cookie consent of all essential cookies (1st Party – Session Cookie)
- **selectedlanguage**: Track chosen Language (1st Party – Expires in 1 day)
- **cookieconsent_status**: Track cookie consent of essential cookies (1st Party – Expires in 12 months)

Neither of these cookies can read or access other cookies or any data from a user's hard drive. Further, neither of these cookies alone will personally identify a user; however, a cookie will recognize a user's individual web browser or device through an IP Address, browser version, operating system and other information.

- During the Event, participants will connect via the event tool system **Swapcard**. The platform collects personal data added by the user (user can add for example an Avatar, link to social media profiles, ...).

For the speakers and moderator, a **Virtual Speaker Studio** powered by **Streamyard** will be used. The platform will collect a screen name, camera and audio from the users connecting.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021 are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Consequently, those processing operations are lawful under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (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 Union institution or body).

In addition, since the participation in the virtual event is not mandatory, the processing of the personal data is also in accordance with Article 5(d) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

We will collect only the following general personal data necessary for the processing operation described above.

For **participants to the Event (“Event”)**, registration is required. During the registration, data collected will be name, surname, email address, country representing, organisation, role (required).

Please note that during the Event itself, for which certain sessions maybe in a web conference setting, it might be that there are audio and/or video recordings taken during the event. If recordings are taken, participants will be made aware of the recordings being made. It will show in the web conference tool, and it will clearly be mentioned at the start of the Event. Those participants who actively engage via audio and/or video in the web conference consent to being recorded.

During the Event, in the event platform, questions and comments/public chats from participants will be recorded in the session rooms and Q&A forums.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- All personal data related to the organisation and management of the Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021 (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be kept for **five years** after the event.
- The selected contractor, MCI Benelux S.A., helping the data controller with the organisation of the Seminar is contractually bound to process personal data on behalf of and in line with the instructions of the data controller, keep confidential any data they process and protect it from unauthorised access, use and retention.
- Any audio-visual recordings of the event will be kept and will be available on line via the dedicated web site for **one year** after the event before being deleted.

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission (*or of its contractors, if contractors are engaged to assist the controller in the organisation and management of a specific meeting or event*). All processing operations are carried out pursuant to [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

The Commission's processors (contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processors have to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle and to the staff of the external contractor MCI Benelux S.A.. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

All participants:

- **Aventri** does not do anything with the data apart from storing it for the Contractor. The Aventri servers used are based in the EU and all data is kept within the EU.
- **Swapcard** does not do anything with the data apart from storing it for the Contractor. The Swapcard servers used are based in the EU and all data is kept within the EU.
- **Emails** sent to and by the Contractor via dgmare@mci-group.com will be sent via Microsoft Enterprise 365 (Ireland servers) and processed via **Freshdesk** ([privacy policy](#)), with servers based in the EU and all data kept within the EU.
- **Netigate**: Netigate ([legal information](#)) may be used to send out a post-event survey. Personal data collected via Netigate will be mentioned in the Netigate data protection policy, and will include the email address.
- **Video booth systems** : Videobooth Systems will collect and use your personal information in order for us to manage the video recordings. Videobooth Systems servers are based in the UK.

Speakers and moderator:

- **Streamyard** will be used as the Virtual Speaker Studio. It does not do anything with the data apart from storing it for the Contractor. Streamyard transfers the information, including Personal Information, to United States and process it there.

International transfers

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

Only the contractor (MCI) will transfer personal data of its staff to a third country to enable the use of the relevant tools.

Neither the Contractor nor its sub-processors (IT tools used) will transfer personal data from participants to third countries.

Note on **Video Booth Systems, with servers in the UK**: On the basis of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (Article FINPROV.10A) “for the duration of the specified period, transmission of personal data from the Union to the United Kingdom shall not be considered as transfer to a third country under Union law.” Video Booth Systems will not share your personal information with organisations based outside Europe.

Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user’s device (such as a computer, tablet or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of a website (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

As stated under point 2 above, the collection of pre-registration data and email campaigns for the Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021, will be managed via the software **Aventri**. The system uses essential cookies and cookies to improve your website experience and to generate anonymous, aggregate user statistics. Aventri does not do anything with the data apart from storing it for the Contractor (MCI Benelux S.A). Event reminder emails and a post-event follow up email will be sent through Aventri ([cookie policy](#)). The only cookies that will be collected during the registration process for this event are:

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Neither of these cookies can read or access other cookies or any data from a user’s hard drive. Further, neither of these cookies alone will personally identify a user; however, a cookie will recognize a user’s individual web browser or device through an IP Address, browser version, operating system and other information.

When you visit the website of our event and when you register, we will keep the browser history of your visit for a maximum of 12 months. This information will then be deleted. The collection, aggregation and anonymising operations are performed in the data centre of the European Commission under adequate security measures.

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the event website may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally and the pattern data is fully under the Commission's control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

Please note that as this is a virtual meeting, a third party IT service is used to run the meeting.

We also use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the Seminar on Fisheries Science 2021 through widely used communication channels, including the social media (Twitter and facebook). For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00073 (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

In order to protect your privacy, our use of third party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only in the event that you click on a button or "play" on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

In order to view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties' specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

We recommend that users read the relevant privacy policies of Twitter (<https://twitter.com/en/privacy>) and facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/about/privacy/previous>) carefully before using them. These explain each company's policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users' rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

The use of a third party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. In the event that one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the data controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, DG MARE, Unit C3: MARE-C3@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can 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.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the European Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.