



European Committee  
of the Regions

## DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

### Annual call for the YEPs Programme 2024

#### 1. Introduction

The European Committee of the Regions (hereafter 'the CoR) is committed to respecting and protecting your personal data in accordance to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#).

Personal data may be collected and processed for launching a call for expression of interest (call for applications) towards young elected politicians (YEPs) interested in joining its annual YEP programme and to select the most suitable candidates to join the annual YEPs programme.

The YEP programme offers YEPs an opportunity to network, exchange best practices, gather information on EU legislation and EU funding opportunities, be involved in the work of the CoR and meet and debate with CoR members and other politicians. Based on consent, the aim of the YEPs Programme is to foster a European understanding among local and regional politicians.

#### 2. Who is responsible for the processing of personal data?

The CoR (as controller) for the processing of personal data. The delegated controller is the Events and local dialogues Unit D2 in Directorate D for communication. Contact: [yep-programme@cor.europa.eu](mailto:yep-programme@cor.europa.eu).

#### 3. What is the purpose of the processing?

The purpose of the personal data processing aims at ensuring the selection of the most suitable candidates for the YEP programme and at establishing a community among the selected politicians.

#### 4. What is the legal basis for the processing?

The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is Article 5(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in a Union institution or body. The CoR exercises its tasks as set out in Article 307 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The aim of the Young Elected Politicians Programme is to foster a European understanding among local and regional politicians

The legal basis is also Article 5d of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, according to which "the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes". While applying to attend the programme, the data subjects give their consent to the use of their personal data in the context of the selection procedure by filling in a field in the registration form and/or for other related purposes as well (via EU Survey).

## **5. What personal data are processed?**

- Gender
- First and Last name
- Email
- Mobile number
- Date of birth
- Languages
- Country/City of residence (street and number, postal code)
- Region
- Political mandate (role, city or region, affiliation, dates of mandate, CV, professional protograshs/speeches, social media accounts)
- Motivation to join the programme

In the context of events related to YEPs programme, we may take photographs or capture images of participants. By participating in these events, you grant the CoR the right to use such photographs or images for promotional, news, online/multimedia, educational, and archival purposes in any and all of its publications and platforms, including but not limited to newsletters, annual reports, websites, and social media channels.

By attending, you consent to the capture and use of your image in these contexts and understand that they will be used to promote the activities and aims of the YEP programme.

If you do not wish your image to be used, you can inform the YEP secretariat at [yep-programme@cor.europa.eu](mailto:yep-programme@cor.europa.eu) in writing prior to the event.

## **6. Who are the recipients or categories of recipients of your personal data?**

The recipients of the collected data are CoR staff and CoR political groups secretariats working on the selection procedure of the candidates.

In the context of the YEP programme if you are selected to participate in it, you are asked also to give your consent (via the application form) to the possibility of sharing your contact details with other participants of the programme (by consent only), and/or with journalists and media for communication purposes (by consent only), and/or for receiving by email information about other initiatives and activities of the CoR (by consent only).

## **7. Are your personal data transferred to a third country or international organisation?**

No, your personal data are not transferred to non-EU Member States or to international organisations.

## **8. How can you exercise your rights?**

You have the right to access your personal data, to rectify any inaccurate or incomplete personal data, to restrict (under certain conditions) the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing of your data and to request the deletion of your personal data (if processed unlawfully). You also have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Please note that withdrawal of consent will not have retroactive effect.

You can direct your queries to communication [yep-programme@cor.europa.eu](mailto:yep-programme@cor.europa.eu). The query will be dealt with within one month from receipt of your request.

You have the right of recourse 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 CoR.

**9. How long are your personal data kept for?**

The data of applicants are kept for 12 months.

If you (the selected applicant) agree to receiving information on CoR activities, certain data -like name, last name, country and e-mail address- are kept until you unsubscribe.

If you (the selected applicant) agree, the data of your participation to the programme is kept for an indefinite time, in order to form a database of YEPs Alumni which allows to keep informing on CoR activities and inviting to activities such as conferences, communication actions and consultation on CoR opinions.

**10. Are the personal data collected used for automated decision-making, including profiling?**

The CoR will not use your personal data to make automated decisions about you. "Automated decisions" are defined as decisions made without human intervention.

**11. Will your personal data be further processed for a purpose other than that for which data have been obtained?**

Your personal data will not be further processed for a different purpose, other than the ones you have given your consent to (communication purposes).

**12. Who do I contact if I have queries or complaints?**

If you have any further questions about the processing of your personal data, please contact first of all the data controller, via their functional mailbox: [yep-programme@cor.europa.eu](mailto:yep-programme@cor.europa.eu).

You may also contact the CoR data protection officer ([data.protection@cor.europa.eu](mailto:data.protection@cor.europa.eu)) and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor (<mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu>) at any time.