



Privacy statement regarding the EIT Awards

The personal data of the nominees for the EIT Awards are processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 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 ('Data Protection Regulation of the European institutions').

What is personal data and what is a personal data processing operation?

Personal data shall mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identification number or to one or more factors specific to his or her physical, physiological, mental, economic, cultural or social identity.

Within the context of the EIT Awards, the following types of personal data are processed:

- in relation to the nominees: name; date and place of birth; gender; address; contact details; website and social media profiles (facebook, twitter, linkedin); nationality; data related to the identity document (number, issuing country), data related to education and prior employment; innovations and achievements; photo and video of the nominee; pictures, audio- and video recordings during the EIT Awards event.
- in relation to award winners: in addition to the above, legal identification data, copy of the identity document, and financial identification data such as banking details are also collected.

Personal data processing operations can be any operation or set of operations which is performed upon personal data, whether or not by automatic means, such as collection, recording, organisation, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultations, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, blocking, erasure or destruction.

Who are the 'data subjects'?

All the nominees who have submitted an application for the EIT Awards.

Who is the 'data controller'?

The data controller, performing the personal data processing operation is the Head of unit Strategy and Impact responsible for the EIT Awards.

Purpose of data processing operation

Assessment of the nominations for the EIT Awards and awarding of the prize.

Who has access to the personal data of data subjects and to whom can they be disclosed?

The personal data of the nominees are processed by the EIT staff responsible for the EIT Awards and by the members of the international jury (external high-level experts with possible participation of the EIT Governing Board Members appointed by the EIT Director) who will evaluate the nominees.

The personal data of participants may be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) if they are in one of the situations mentioned in Article 106 of the Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. For more information, see [the Privacy Statement on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm).

In case of an audit or complaint/appeal, the personal data can be disclosed to the auditors in the Commission, and to other EU institutions such as the European Court of Auditors, the European Ombudsman, the European Data Protection Supervisor, the Civil Service Tribunal, the General Court of the European Union and the European Court of Justice.

If requested, personal data can be disclosed to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

The personal data of the nominees may also be processed, in connection with the media and pitch/presentation training and the EIT Awards event, by the external contractor(s) of the EIT, in line with EU and national legislation and their relevant contractual requirements.

For visibility purposes, the photographs/pictures, presentations, audio and video recording and live streaming of the EIT Awards event will be reproduced in various media including EIT publications, the EIT website, social media networks, TV channels and the press, in connection

with the event, or for further institutional purposes as well as for promotional activities of the EIT. In this context, the pictures and audio or video recordings of EIT Award nominees will be published with specific mention of the persons concerned.

How long do we keep your data?

1) Data of award winners: the personal data of the winners of the award is retained for a period of *five years* after the prize budget is discharged in accordance with the EU Financial Regulation¹ and the EIT Financial Regulation.²

Once the above five years period is completed, only the data necessary for historical records, i.e. information on the name of the winner, the nominating KIC, information on the achievement, the award received and the amount of the prize are stored for 50 years.

Any further data required for statistical purposes should be kept in an anonymous form.

2) Data of non-awarded nominees are kept for a period of two years from the date of the notification letter to the non-awarded candidates for the purposes of potential review procedures and for budgetary or audit purposes. In case the length of the review procedure exceeds the period of two years, the relevant data are kept for the duration of the ongoing review procedure.

After this period, only the data necessary for historical records, i.e. the names of the nominees, the nominating KICs, and information on the achievement is stored for 50 years.

What are your rights as being a data subject?

Nominees have the right for information and the right to access their personal data. In addition, the nominees have the right for the rectification of their inaccurate or incomplete factual personal data. In case the applicant contests the accuracy of the data, it is also entitled to obtain blocking of the data. Nominees also have the right to obtain erasure or blocking of their unlawfully processed data.

¹ Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1605/2002, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 547/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 and by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2015/1929 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 October 2015.

² Decision of the EIT Governing Board of 27 December 2013 on adopting the Financial Regulation of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology.

The right of rectification of nominees is limited to objective factual data. Any issues with regard to the substance of the evaluation may be addressed by means of the available review procedures.

After the deadline for submitting nominations, personal data related to the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria cannot be rectified or erased with the exception of obvious clerical errors, while personal data related to the identification of the nominee can be rectified at any time during the award procedure and while the data is kept by the EIT.

The rights of data subjects can be exercised only based on a written request. The exercise of such rights may not result in unequal treatment of the candidates and may not be contrary or harmful to the aim of the selection procedure or to its confidentiality.

Award winners may, on written request, gain access to their personal data and request the rectification of any personal data that is inaccurate or incomplete, as long as it does not call into question the award decision and result in unequal treatment.

Exemptions and restrictions to the rights of the 'data subject' as set out in Article 20 of the Data Protection Regulation of the European institutions apply.

In case of any queries concerning the processing of personal data, nominees may send their written requests to EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu. As a general rule, requests for access, rectification, erasure and blocking are handled within 15 working days from the date of submission of the request. In case the applicant contests the accuracy of the data, upon request, the data is blocked immediately for the period of verification of the accuracy of the data.

Nominees have the right of recourse at any time to the Data Protection Officer of the EIT (EIT-DPO@eit.europa.eu) and to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS@edps.europa.eu) for matters relating to the processing of their personal data.

Legal basis of the processing operation

Decision 34/2017 of the Governing Board of the EIT on the Final Single Programming Document (2018-2020) of the EIT;

Decision No 1312/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe;

Regulation (EU) No 1290/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 laying down the rules for the participation and dissemination in "Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)" and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2906/2006.

Lawfulness of the processing operation

In line with Article 5(a) of Regulation 45/2001, the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest on the basis of the EU Treaties or other instruments adopted on the basis thereof and for the legitimate exercise of official authority vested in the EIT. In particular, the provision of the EIT awards contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the EIT as laid down in the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the EIT.

Data subjects are free to give their data on a voluntary basis.