

PRIVACY STATEMENT

EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 Internet voting

Categories of personal data

By visiting the EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 voting website and submitting a vote for the EIT PUBLIC Award 2018, the following types of personal data are processed:

- IP address of website visitors
- Email address of voters
- Name, photo, links to social media profiles (if any) of EIT Awards nominees

Data subjects

The following natural persons are data subjects:

- Visitors of the EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 voting website
- Voters
- EIT Awards nominees

Data controller

Head of Strategy and Impact Unit at the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

Data processor

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 voting website is maintained by Cecoforma, acting as data processor, based on a service contract made with the EIT, in accordance with Article 23 of Regulation No 45/2001.¹

Purpose of processing of personal data

The purpose of processing the personal data indicated above is to complete the online voting for the EIT PUBLIC Award 2018.

Voting for the EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 is open from 00:00 CET on 3 September 2018 until 23:59 CET on 3 October 2018.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 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

Processing of personal data

The personal data indicated above are collected, uploaded and stored on the data processor's server based in Europe, consulted, transmitted to the EIT and used, and finally erased at the end of the retention period.

Access to personal data

Access to the personal data processed is limited only to the data processor. At the end of the voting period, as a general rule, the EIT will receive only the result of the vote without the IP addresses and email addresses of voters; exceptionally, access may be given to the responsible EIT staff only in duly justified cases.

Retention period

The retention period for this data is 15 days after the voting period has ended on 3 October 2018, following which it will be erased.

Rights of data subjects

During the voting period, data subjects have the right to information, right to access, and the right to rectification of inaccurate or incomplete factual personal data. After the voting period is closed, only the right to information and the right of access may be practised by data subjects.

In the event of queries concerning the processing of personal data, data subjects may send a written request to EIT-Awards@eit.europa.eu. As a general rule, requests for access, rectification and erasure, are handled within 15 working days of the date of submission of the request. If 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.

Data subjects 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.

Website security

The EIT Public Award 2018 voting website uses Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS). This is the secure version of HTTP, the protocol over which data is sent between web browsers and websites. The "S" at the end of HTTPS stands for "Secure". It means all communications between the data subject's browser and the website are encrypted.

Thanks to the encryption process, the data subject's information, such as personal data, is protected. Encryption guarantees the confidentiality of the data subject's data, even if it is intercepted.

Web browsers such as Internet Explorer, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Safari and Chrome, also display a padlock icon in the address bar to visually indicate that an HTTPS connection has been established.

Cookie Policy

A cookie is a small text file placed on a computer, browser or server.

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 voting website does not use cookies or similar technology and does not retain browsing data related to the behaviour of visitors for statistical use.

The EIT PUBLIC Award 2018 voting website does not permit third-parties, including LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, to install cookies on the data subject's computer or browser, and does not permit third-parties to access the data subject's personal data.

Legal basis

- [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

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 (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

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