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PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: JRC live, hybrid and digital events, seminars, workshops, conferences, meetings, open/celebration/information days with or without outside participants **– Water Reuse Events.**

Data Controller: European Commission, Joint Research Centre (JRC)*, Directorate D- Sustainable Resources, Unit D.2 Ocean and Water.*

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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 event: *JRC Water Reuse Events series*, which will take place in years 2026-2027. 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 the : *JRC Water Reuse Events series* undertaken by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, *Directorate D- Sustainable Resources, Unit D.2 Ocean and Water*, is presented below.

The event is managed considering:

• Event organised by the JRC.
• Personal data are published on a publicly available website.
• Reports are shared between participants and organisations.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: The Data Controller collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the event: : *JRC Water Reuse Events series* (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that event.

Live web-streaming and audio-visual recording at the event of the speakers and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the event at the streaming service of the European Commission https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/.

The in-person audience and speakers may be photographed individually or in groups. The audience following remote via web-streaming will not be filmed during the event.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above web-streaming and recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing. (E.g. by switching off the camera, not using the chat to ask questions, remove the name with anonymous label when joining).

Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision-making including profiling.

For platforms and tools used to organise and manage digital events, the following records will apply:

- Webex platform: Service de Web Conference (Webex), DPR-EC-05006

- Microsoft Teams: EC M365 environment, DPR-EC-04966 *(only for internal JRC events)*
- Web-streaming of Commission events, DPR-EC-00306
- Slido - Audience Interaction Software, DPR-EC-06687
- EU Survey, DPR-EC-01488

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 event (including web-streaming, photos, audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, **activities on water reuse in line with the Work Programme 2025-2027, Portfolio 22 on Climate adaptation and water resilience on the support to the implementation of the (EU) Regulation 741/2020 on water reuse**, and 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).

Your consent is required for**:**

- ✓ the publication of your personal data contained in minutes, reports, powerpoint presentations or relevant documentation used during meetings **on a publicly available website or printed** to illustrate communication material, photo albums and/or videos.

- ✓ the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise; The processing of contact list and network partners at the JRC is covered by the Record "DPR-EC-00240 – Contact list & network partners databases at the JRC".

- ✓ taking, sharing and using individual and/or group **photographs** or **audio-visual recordings** photographed or filmed by the event's photographer/cameraman.

Your explicit consent is required under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box(es) on the online registration form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time by send an email to JRC-WATER-REUSE@ec.europa.eu

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

The following personal data will be processed:

- Name, Surname, nationality, title, organisational unit, name of organisation represented, e-mail address, gender (needed for the right title). Minutes, reports, powerpoint presentations or relevant documentation used during meetings can be collected and shared with meeting participants.

- Photographs/pictures of groups of participants and organizers could be taken and published in the context of the event and in the framework of the JRC activities.

- Also live web streaming and/or audio and video recording of speakers and participants can be registered and published and/or shared in the framework of JRC activities.

- Information related to the cookies used will be specified in the Privacy Statement.

- In some cases, third party IT tools, including Social Media.
- For digital events, the data protection records for the relevant tools and platforms apply.

An explicit consent will be required to collect the following personal data gathered via email or via a survey:

- The publication of your personal data contained in minutes, reports, powerpoint presentations or relevant documentation used during meetings on a publicly available website or printed to illustrate communication material, photo albums and/or videos or to promote the activities or projects, past, present or future, of the European institutions and the European Union,
- The processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller may organise or for managing your subscription to a newsletter of the data controller. This specific case will be covered either by Record "DPR-EC-00240 – Contact lists & network partners databases at the JRC".

4.1 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).

The registration for the *JRC Corporate Events/EU Science Hub* takes place via a Commission website. The cookies employed by the Commission on the registrant's device for that purpose will be covered by the cookie policy of the Commission, which is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/cookies_en.

When you visit the website(s) of our event and when you register, we will keep the browser history of your visit for a **maximum of 6 months** according to Record "DPR-EC-00406 – Website and e-services at JRC". In context of investigations of security incidents the data could be further processed following Record "DPR-EC-02886 – DIGIT IT security operations and services", where a different retention period applies. 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.

Cookies are stored by Europa Analytics, the corporate service which measures the effectiveness and efficiency of the European Commission's websites on EUROPA. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00083 ((Processing of personal data on European Commission web sites within the europa.eu domain), including IP addresses, by visitors of the publicly available websites).

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 meeting/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.

4.2 Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the *JRC Corporate Events/EU Science Hub* through widely used communication channels, including the social media. 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).

You can watch our videos, which we also upload to our *JRC Social Media accounts:* YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook.

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 social media at the European Commission 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.

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 event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event) will be deleted **2 years** after the last action in relation to the event.

✓In case of audio-visual recording of the event the recordings will be kept for **2 years** after the event before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-01937 (Audio-visual recording of meetings).

✓In case of individual and/or group photographs or videos of the event, the recordings will be kept for **2 years** after the event before being deleted.

✓Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters or invitations to similar events) are processed in line either with the Record "DPR-EC-00240 – Contact lists & network partners databases at the JRC".

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. 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.

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. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

When explicitly agreed by you, some of your personal data (publications of minutes, reports, powerpoint presentations or relevant documentation used during meetings, name and affiliation of participants and /or speakers) will be published on a publicly available website or printed to illustrate communication material, photo albums, etc. The photographs/videos could be shared with and used by the participants of the event in order to illustrate or promote the activities or projects, past, present or future, of the European institutions and the European Union.

For digital events, the privacy statements of the platforms and tools used to organise and manage the event, apply.

7.1. International transfers

The controller will not transfer your personal data to recipients in a third country or to an international organisation in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

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.

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 have consented to provide your personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by sending an email to the Data Controller. This contact information is given under Heading 9 below. The withdrawal of your consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

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: *JRC-WATER-REUSE@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.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-00407 – JRC live, hybrid and digital events, seminars, workshops, conferences, meetings, open/celebration/information days with or without outside participants.