

IPEX PRIVACY STATEMENT

The objective of the InterParliamentary EU Information Exchange (IPEX) is to support interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union by providing a platform for the electronic exchange of EU-related information between Parliaments in the Union.¹ The role of interparliamentary cooperation is laid down in Article 12 of the Treaty on European Union,² as well as Article 9 of Protocol no.1 on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.³

The national Parliaments of EU Member States and the European Parliament manage the IPEX website jointly, with the IPEX Board being the governing structure. The IPEX application and data are hosted and stored on servers of the European Parliament.

I. - Actors:

- The following **Joint controllers**⁴ are responsible for the processing of the personal data:
 - **IPEX Board**
 - Person designated by the IPEX Board as being in charge for data processing operations:
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The IPEX Information Officer is mandated by the IPEX Board to overview and manage information exchanged or published on the IPEX website in cooperation with IPEX Correspondents who are in charge of their national Parliaments/Chambers contributions into IPEX.

- European Parliament official in charge for data processing operations:

¹ Preamble to the Guidelines for IPEX, as approved by the Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments, 13 March 2015)

² Article 12 TEU

National Parliaments contribute actively to the good functioning of the Union:

(f) by taking part in the interparliamentary cooperation between national Parliaments and with the European Parliament, in accordance with the Protocol on the role of national Parliaments in the European Union.

³ Article 9 Protocol no.1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union

The European Parliament and national Parliaments shall together determine the organisation and promotion of effective and regular interparliamentary cooperation within the Union.

⁴ Article 28 Joint controllers

1. Where two or more controllers or one or more controllers together with one or more controllers other than Union institutions and bodies jointly determine the purposes and means of processing, they shall be joint controllers. They shall in a transparent manner determine their respective responsibilities for compliance with their data protection obligations, in particular as regards the exercising of the rights of the data subject and their respective duties to provide the information referred to in Articles 15 and 16, by means of an arrangement between them unless, and in so far as, the respective responsibilities of the joint controllers are determined by Union or Member State law to which the joint controllers are subject. The arrangement may designate a contact point for data subjects.

2. The arrangement referred to in paragraph 1 shall duly reflect the respective roles and relationships of the joint controllers vis-à-vis the data subjects. The essence of the arrangement shall be made available to the data subject.

3. Irrespective of the terms of the arrangement referred to in paragraph 1, the data subject may exercise his or her rights under this Regulation in respect of and against each of the controllers.

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- **National Parliaments or their Chambers** (with all contact details)

- Person designated by each National Parliament or Chamber is the IPEX Correspondent. The contact list can be found [here](#).

As the purposes and means of the data processing are decided by joint controllers, each controller is individually responsible for ensuring own personal data processing in accordance with EDPR and GDPR. Thus, the IPEX Board and each national Parliament are accountable for their respective data processing.

A Memorandum of Understanding awarding the responsibilities to each controller is annexed to the Privacy Statement.

II. - Applicable regulation:

As IPEX is a platform involving the European Parliament and national Parliaments, two different regulations are applicable:

- **General Data Protection Regulation for Union institutions and bodies (EU) 2018/1725⁵** (hereinafter EDPR). This is because the IPEX website is hosted by the EP. This Regulation applies to the processing of personal data by all Union institutions and bodies.
- **General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679⁶** (hereinafter GDPR), which is applicable for the contributions of national Parliaments into IPEX.

The legal basis of the processing information is public interest. It is laid down in Article 5 of EDPR⁷ and Article 6 of GDPR.⁸

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32018R1725>

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32016R0679>

⁷ Article 5

Lawfulness of processing

1. Processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that at least one of the following applies:

- (a) 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;
- (b) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;
- (c) processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
- (d) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;
- (e) processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.

2. The basis for the processing referred to in points (a) and (b) of paragraph 1 shall be laid down in Union law.

⁸ Article 6

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- (a) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes;
- (b) processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
- (c) processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

III. - Purposes of the processing and categories of personal data processed:

- **Managing the activities of the InterParliamentary EU Information Exchange (IPEX)**

- The categories of data processed:

Name, gender, professional contact details (email and phone number), official function in the national parliamentary administration and in IPEX structure. These categories of information are submitted by IPEX Correspondents, representatives of national Parliaments in the IPEX Board or officials in a national parliamentary administration. Name, email, official function in a parliamentary administration or elected body and a photo, when provided and collected by a third party, may also appear in the context of an official event published in the Calendar section of IPEX.

- **Keeping subscribed users notified about information on the website**

- The categories of data processed:

Name, email address, language preference, (if provided on a voluntary basis: position and employer)

(d) processing is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;

(e) 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 controller;

(f) processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child.

Point (f) of the first subparagraph shall not apply to processing carried out by public authorities in the performance of their tasks.

2. Member States may maintain or introduce more specific provisions to adapt the application of the rules of this Regulation with regard to processing for compliance with points (c) and (e) of paragraph 1 by determining more precisely specific requirements for the processing and other measures to ensure lawful and fair processing including for other specific processing situations as provided for in Chapter IX.

3. The basis for the processing referred to in point (c) and (e) of paragraph 1 shall be laid down by:

(a) Union law; or

(b) Member State law to which the controller is subject.

The purpose of the processing shall be determined in that legal basis or, as regards the processing referred to in point (e) of paragraph 1, shall be necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller. That legal basis may contain specific provisions to adapt the application of rules of this Regulation, inter alia: the general conditions governing the lawfulness of processing by the controller; the types of data which are subject to the processing; the data subjects concerned; the entities to, and the purposes for which, the personal data may be disclosed; the purpose limitation; storage periods; and processing operations and processing procedures, including measures to ensure lawful and fair processing such as those for other specific processing situations as provided for in Chapter IX. The Union or the Member State law shall meet an objective of public interest and be proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

4. Where the processing for a purpose other than that for which the personal data have been collected is not based on the data subject's consent or on a Union or Member State law which constitutes a necessary and proportionate measure in a democratic society to safeguard the objectives referred to in Article 23(1), the controller shall, in order to ascertain whether processing for another purpose is compatible with the purpose for which the personal data are initially collected, take into account, inter alia:

(a) any link between the purposes for which the personal data have been collected and the purposes of the intended further processing;

(b) the context in which the personal data have been collected, in particular regarding the relationship between data subjects and the controller;

(c) the nature of the personal data, in particular whether special categories of personal data are processed, pursuant to Article 9, or whether personal data related to criminal convictions and offences are processed, pursuant to Article 10;

(d) the possible consequences of the intended further processing for data subjects;

(e) the existence of appropriate safeguards, which may include encryption or pseudonymisation.

IV. - The recipients of the data: the general public, on the public pages of IPEX.

IPEX Board and national Parliaments treat personal data in accordance with EDPR and GDPR. Please note that personal data uploaded on Internet can be subject to unauthorised use by third parties. IPEX Board and national Parliaments are not responsible for possible unauthorised use of personal data by third parties.

V. - The time limits for storing the data

Personal data processed by the IPEX Board for administrative purposes can be retained up to 10 years.

For archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes, personal data are retained for longer period. The purpose is to allow the public and the researchers to analyse the development of interparliamentary cooperation in the EU. This covers the scope, the topics and number of events, the number of participants, Parliaments/Chambers and the political parties involved in the cooperation. Besides, the personal data of data subjects is limited to their public function at the time of the event (name, Chamber, function, publicly known political affiliation of members of Parliaments). All these data retained is strictly limited to this purpose, and to the extent it is relevant for it. However, should the data subject wish to anonymise their participation in the event, a request should be addressed to the data controller.

VI. - Rights of the data subjects

- Data subjects have the possibility to access their data on the IPEX website. They can rectify their data or delete their account at any moment by contacting one of the persons designated as being in charge of the processing operation: IPEX Information Officer, or a IPEX Correspondent. Subscribed users have the possibility to access their data on the IPEX website using a valid login and password. They can rectify their data or delete their account at any moment using the features of the website.
- Data subjects may contact the IPEX Information Officer or an IPEX Correspondent and request the erasure of their official data from the IPEX website, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 19 EDPR or 17 GDPR.
- The data subjects have the right to have recourse at any time to the Data Protection Officer of the European Parliament data-protection@ep.europa.eu and to the European Data Protection Supervisor edps@edps.europa.eu and to Data Protection Officers in the EU member States.