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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: *Management of subscriptions/newsletters to receive information on the European CAP Network*

Data Controller: *Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate D – CAP Strategic Plans II, Unit D1 – Rural Areas and networks*

Record reference: DPR-EC-03928

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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 of 23 October 2018 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, 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 processing operation “*Management of subscriptions to receive information*”, undertaken by *Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, Directorate D – CAP Strategic Plans II, Unit D1 – Rural Areas and networks (hereafter AGRI D.1)*, is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: AGRI D.1 in close cooperation with its contractors RURANET, Community for Europe, VLM - Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIE collects and further processes your personal data so that you can receive information that you have requested on important developments, activities, events, initiatives or thematic issues in the area of rural development and Common Agricultural Policy as produced under the activities of the European CAP Network in particular through articles, reports, interviews, newsletters as well as visual content.

The tool used by our Contractor for sending the newsletter is a third party tool called Sendinblue. The Commission’s processors (contractors and sub-contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission.

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

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

You have subscribed to receive the information on important developments, activities, events, initiatives or thematic issues in the area of (a) service(s) of the European Commission.

We process your personal data, because you have given your consent to the processing of your personal data for the purpose of receiving the requested information.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time:

- for unsubscribing from the newsletter, please use the Unsubscribe link in newsletter
- for unsubscribing from any other publication, please use online form For unsubscribing from any other publication, please send an email to privacy@eucapnetwork.eu.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation, AGRI D.1 collects the following categories of personal data:

- Your name, surname and email address are needed to ensure the delivery of the service to you as a subscriber.

The following personal data is needed for providing you with a more personalised experience (i.e. better targeting the content of the information) and for generating anonymised statistics:

- Title
- Sector of activity / interest
- Profession
- Member State
- Organisation

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

AGRI D.1 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection, namely until you unsubscribe from the mailing list.

For unsubscribing from the newsletter, please use the Unsubscribe link in the newsletter.

For unsubscribing from any other publication, please use online form (<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/news-events/newsletters>)

In case where data is kept for statistical purposes, some subscriber's optional data may be kept for 5 years after the un-subscription, providing these do not allow to identify the subscriber any more and that these are available to a very restricted number of authorised persons performing the processing operation on a need to know basis, for the sole purposes of generating anonymised statistics.

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 or of its contractors-RURANET and Community for Europe All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [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.

The Commission's processor is based in an EU Member State and is bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processors have to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

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.

The controller uses two processors (contractors) to assist the controller in the management of subscriptions to receive information. The controller also shares your information with those processors for the purpose of managing subscriptions to receive information.

Processor 1: Ruranet

Processor 2: Community for Europe

Processor 3: VLM - Vlaamse Landmaatschappij

Processor 4: Ecorys Europe EEIG GEIE

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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 consented to provide your personal data to AGRI D.1 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal 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, 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 at agri-eucapnetwork@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-03928.