



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Information Platform for Chemical Monitoring (IPCHEM) general data processing

Data Controller: European Commission, JRC.F.3

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the 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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

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 processing operation “Information Platform for Chemical Monitoring (IPCHEM) general data processing” undertaken by JRC.F.3 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: JRC.F.3 collects and uses your personal information to develop, maintain and manage the IPCHEM platform.

IPCHEM is an information platform, developed and managed by the JRC. It provides access to chemical monitoring data, collected and owned by different European and national institutions and research organisations. IPCHEM promotes a more coherent approach to the generation, collection, storage and use of chemical monitoring data in relation to humans and the environment, through the creation of a platform for chemical monitoring data, as requested to the Commission by the COM (2012) 252.

The JRC is responsible for the scientific coordination and technical design and development of IPCHEM, for its maintenance and operation and for data handling and integration into IPCHEM.

To be part of the IPCHEM platform, each institution / individual providing a chemical monitoring dataset is required to register a contact point, which is publicly available in order to ensure any clarifications regarding the interpretation of the dataset; other restricted contact points are also made available to the IPCHEM team only, for the purposes of data integration into the IPCHEM platform.

This privacy statement covers the processing of contact points data (both public and restricted) in the 4 thematic IPCHEM modules: (1) environmental monitoring data; (2) human biomonitoring data; (3) food and feed monitoring data; (4) indoor air monitoring data. It also covers the management of user accounts for granting and revoking access to the IPCHEM platform.

The processing of Human Biomonitoring Data (HBM) under module 2 is covered by a different data protection record (DPR-EC-09766) and has its own specific privacy statement.

IPCHEM hosts also data from the LUCAS Soil survey on occurrence on chemicals in soils, which contains geographical coordinates. These could be used, in certain cases, to identify individuals (e.g. landowners) and, as a result, these could be considered personal data. The processing in IPCHEM is in accordance with the specific record for LUCAS Soil DPR-EC-01961, i.e. respecting the same license agreement for use of the data.

User registration / authentication in IPCHEM takes place via EU Login (which is covered by DPR-EC-03187).

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

We process your personal data, because, according to Article 5(1) (a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, the 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.

Legal basis:

- Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013;
- Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 of 10 May 2021 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and repealing Decision 2013/743/EU;
- Commission Implementing Decision 15.02.2023 (C(2023) 897 final) on the adoption of the work programme of the Joint Research Centre for 2023 and 2024 under Council Decision (EU) 2021/764 establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, and Council Regulation (Euratom) 2021/765 establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The IPCHEM objectives are described under the project CHEMPACT, described currently under Portfolio 9 (ZEPHIR).

We do not process **special categories of personal data**, therefore Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 does not apply.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation JRC.F.3 collects the following categories of personal data:

Publicly available:

Contact details of the individual providing the chemical monitoring data

- Point of Contact (s) Name / Surname;
- Point of Contact (s) Email address.

This Information is publicly available in the IPCHEM metadata web pages to allow the IPCHEM users to contact them.

Restricted access:

- (1) The JRC IPCHEM team also keeps a registry of users (based on EU Login access) with access to restricted datasets. This consists only of EU Login details.
- (2) Registry of contact points who are involved in data management / integration, which is available only to the JRC IPCHEM team.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

JRC.F.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing. The contact details of data providers are kept for the period in which the database contains data provided by these data providers unless a data provider asks to remove them. The registry is reviewed every three years to ensure an assessment of the contact points it includes and, where necessary, its erasure. The data can be updated on request.

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 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 in place. 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 authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Contact details of the Data owner/provider or controller are publicly available in the IPCHEM web pages. The access to other personal data is allowed only to authorised staff (i.e. The JRC IPCHEM team) according to the "need to know" principle (different levels of access can be assigned).

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, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or 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).

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-ipchem-support@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 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-00213 - Information Platform for Chemical Monitoring (IPCHEM) general data processing.