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### Privacy notice for stakeholder survey for RRF projects

EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, Articles 13 and 14

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Purpose and legal basis of personal data processing	<p>The Research Council of Finland is a central government authority in the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture's administrative branch whose statutory duty is to promote scientific research and research framework conditions as well as their utilisation by funding them and by participating in international cooperation, to act as an expert in the development and implementation of science policy, and to carry out other expert tasks assigned to it by the Ministry (Act on the Academy of Finland 922/2009).</p> <p>As part of the reporting of the impact of RRF-funded projects, the RCF conducts a survey aimed at the projects' stakeholders.</p> <p>The survey collects information on the societal interaction of projects funded by the RCF with RRF funding, as well as feedback on the significance of the research projects and research infrastructures funded in the projects for partners and stakeholders. The survey will be sent to representatives of stakeholders identified by the principal investigators of the funded projects, and its results will be used to support reporting on the results and impact of the RRF programme. The results of the survey will be published as part of the reporting of RRF results and possible later as part of the programme evaluation as statistics, figures, summaries and highlights. Information provided by an individual respondent cannot be identified.</p> <p>The processing of personal data 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 (Article 6(1)(e)).</p>	



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Description of personal data categories	<p>The data subjects are the most important research stakeholders and interaction partners identified by the principal investigators of projects funded by the RCF under the RRF programme who participate in the survey.</p> <p>The direct personal data contained in the personal data file are (1) the respondent's email address used to send the survey, (2) name, (3) organisation, and (4) telephone number. This information was obtained from the PIs when they were asked to name representatives of the project stakeholders. In addition, the file contains information on which project stakeholder each person has been reported to the RCF as representing.</p> <p>In addition, the file contains other survey data which, in combination with each other, may lead to the identification of a person. These include the type of background organisation (and the name of the organisation, if the respondent notified it), the affiliation with one or more research projects funded under the RRF programme, links to competence clusters such as Finnish Flagships, and the nature, objectives and significance of the cooperation with the project or projects to the respondent or their background organisation.</p>
Recipients or categories of recipients of personal data	<p>The data are disclosed only according to the duties and permissions granted in Finnish legislation. The right of public access is regulated under the Finnish Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999). Public documents are disclosed according to sections 13 and 16 of the Act. Even public documents may contain personal data, the disclosure of which has been restricted.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the Act lays down the obligations of secrecy, and the documents of an authority that are to be kept secret are described in section 24. Chapter 7 of the Act stipulates derogations from secrecy (sections 26–30). Pursuant to section 26, subsection 1 of the Act, an authority may grant access to non-disclosable information if there is a specific provision on such access or on the right of such access in an Act or if the person whose interests are protected by the secrecy provision consents to the access.</p>
Transfer of personal data to third countries and information on safeguards	Personal data will not be disclosed outside the EU or the EEA.
Storage period for personal data or criteria for determining storage period	Personal data collected for the purpose of conducting the survey (respondent's name, email address, organisation, and telephone number) will be deleted no later than on 31 December 2026. Personal data contained in the survey responses will be deleted once the need for processing has ended, but no later than two years after the survey has expired.



	<p>The archiving plan of the RCF contains more detailed provisions on archiving. The Finnish Archives Act (831/1994) regulates the archiving duties of authorities.</p>
Sources of information when information has not been obtained from the data subject	<p>The personal data are obtained from the data subject.</p> <p>The contact details of the persons included in the survey target group were obtained from the PIs of completed or nearly completed projects and consortia funded with RRF funding through an email survey.</p>
Information on automated decision-making	<p>The RCF does not use automated decision-making or profiling in relation to the survey.</p>
Right to object to the processing of data	<p>If the data is processed for the performance of a task carried out for reasons of public interest, in the exercise of official authority or for the purposes of the compelling legitimate interests pursued by the controller or a third party, the data subject has the right to object to the processing on grounds relating to their particular situation.</p>
Rights of data subjects	<p><u>Right of access to personal data</u></p> <p>The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller confirmation as to whether personal data concerning them are being processed, and, where that is the case, to obtain access to the personal data. On request, the controller shall provide a copy of the personal data undergoing processing.</p> <p>If less than one year has elapsed since the data subject exercised their right of access, the controller can charge a fee based on the administrative costs of providing the information.</p> <p><u>Right to rectification</u></p> <p>The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller without undue delay the rectification of inaccurate and incorrect personal data concerning them.</p> <p><u>Right to restrict processing</u></p> <p>The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller a restriction of processing, for example when the accuracy of the personal data is contested by the data subject, for a period enabling the controller to verify the accuracy of the personal data. Where processing has been restricted, such personal data shall, with the exception of storage, only be processed with the data subject's consent or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or for the protection of the rights of another natural or legal person or for reasons of important public interest of the European Union or of an EU member state.</p> <p><u>Right to erasure</u></p>



In certain situations, the data subject has the right to ask the controller to erase personal data concerning them without undue delay. This right does not apply, for example, if the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation under Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject or if the processing is carried out for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

If you have requests concerning the rights of the data subject, please contact [kirjaamo@aka.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@aka.fi).

*Right to lodge complaint with supervisory authority*

Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial remedy, every data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the member state of their habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement, if the data subject considers that the processing of their personal data infringes the General Data Protection Regulation. This right is without prejudice to other administrative appeal or legal remedies.

In Finland, the national supervisory authority is the Data Protection Ombudsman: [tietosuoja@om.fi](mailto:tietosuoja@om.fi), tel. +358 295 666 700.