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Privacy policy statement for strategic research theme survey
(EU's General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, Articles 13 and 14)

1. Controller

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4. Legal basis and purpose of personal data processing

The Academy 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. Additionally, the Academy acts as an expert in the development and implementation of science policy and carries out other tasks assigned to it (Act on the Academy of Finland 922/2009).

The Academy of Finland collects and processes personal data to implement the research funding process. The funding process refers to the processing of funding applications and payments and to disseminating information on these. Personal data processing complies with statutory obligations (GDPR Article 6(1)c).

The Strategic Research Council (SRC) is an independent body established within the Academy of Finland. The Division of Strategic Research forms part of the Academy's Administration Office.

The survey on themes for strategic research is carried out via the Viima platform. On the platform, data are collected and processed in accordance with the platform provider's own data protection practices (terms of use, privacy policy, DPA). After the survey has closed, the data collected will be stored on a secure server of the Academy of Finland where they will be used as part of the process of preparing a theme proposal to be submitted to the Finnish Government. The process entails dealing with the

proposals and comments collected with the survey without processing the personal details of individual respondents. However, the personal data are stored in connection with the proposals on the Academy's server to analyse and provide background information for the proposals.

The collected proposals can also be used in planning the SRC's and the Academy of Finland's programmes in the coming years. The survey data will be kept at the Academy for possible reuse. If possible, the data will also be stored at the Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD) for research and teaching purposes. All data archived at the FSD will be anonymised. The Academy of Finland and the SRC reserve the right to edit and/or discard proposals.

5. Data subject groups and personal data groups

The data subjects are persons who have participated in the survey on the Viima platform. The personal data are name and email address. The data subject participates in the survey by logging in on the platform. For example, they can use their Google or LinkedIn accounts to sign in, or they can create their own Viima password. The available login options are shown when logging in to the survey. The survey person register is not used for other communication purposes.

6. Disclosure and recipients of personal data

The Academy of Finland may disclose personal data only within the limits imposed and allowed by current legislation. Public access to government documents and information is governed by the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999).

Public documents are disclosed upon request, in accordance with section 13 and section 16 of the Act. By default, anyone has the right to receive public documents and information from a public authority, even if they include personal data. However, personal data in the public authority's personal data file can be disclosed in copy, printout or electronic form only if the transferee has the right to store and use these personal data in accordance with the regulations concerning personal data protection.

Additionally, a public document may contain confidential information or data whose disclosure is limited. This information or data may be personal data. Confidential information or data may be given access to or disclosed only with the consent of the person concerned, to the person concerned, or by virtue of a legal right to a third party, such as another public official.

To carry out the survey, the Academy delivers personal data to be processed by an external service provider with due attention to data protection legislation. The survey on themes for strategic research is carried out via the Viima platform. On the platform, data are collected and processed in accordance with the platform provider's own data protection practices (terms of use, privacy policy, DPA).

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7. Transfer of personal data to a third country or an international organisation

Data will not be transferred out of the European Union or the European Economic Area, or to international organisations.

8. Planned deadlines for the deletion of personal data groups

Personal data are stored two (2) years after the end of the survey, after which the archived data will be anonymised.

9. Data sources when data have not been obtained from the data subject

The data are obtained from the data subjects themselves.

10. Rights of the data subject

Right of access to personal data

The data subject has the right to obtain from the controller confirmation of whether personal data relating to them are being processed and, if these personal data are processed, the right to access the data. The controller must provide a copy of the personal data processed.

If less than one year has elapsed since the right of access of the data subject was used, the controller will charge a fee based on the administrative costs of providing the data.

Right to rectification of data

The data subject has the right to demand that the controller rectify, without undue delay, any inaccurate and incorrect personal data of the data subject. The request should be submitted to the controller's contact person.

Right to restrict processing

The data subject has the right to obtain a restriction of processing from the controller, for example, in situations where the data subject contests the accuracy of the personal data or the personal data has been processed unlawfully. Restriction of personal data processing means that the data may, with the exception of storage, only be processed with the data subject's consent, for the protection of the rights of a natural or legal person, or for reasons of important public interest of the Union or of a Member State.

Right to appeal to a supervisory authority

Every data subject has the right to file a complaint with the supervisory authority, in particular in the member state in which they have their usual residence or workplace or where the alleged infringement has occurred if the data subject deems the processing of personal data relating to them to infringe data protection legislation. This right is without prejudice to other administrative appeal or legal remedies. In Finland, the national supervisory authority is the Data Protection Ombudsman, tel. +358 295 616 670 or tietosuoja@om.fi.

If you have requests concerning the rights of the data subject, please contact kirjaamo@aka.fi.