Privacy policy statement for Xpert Search (EU’s General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, Articles 13 and 14)

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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).

Xpert Search is a service for journalists. In the service, journalists can search for experts and researchers in various fields. Communications officers and Academy of Finland administrators find suitable experts and researchers and convey their contact details to the journalists. The processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (EU General Data Protection Regulation Article 6(1)(e)).

The data will not be used for other purposes.

5 Data subject groups and personal data groups
The data subjects are the communications officers, journalists, Academy administrators, as well as researchers and experts whose contact details have been provided to the service.

The personal data are name, phone number, profession, workplace and email address.
For officials, the personal data are name, job title, division and email address.

6 Disclosure and recipients of personal data

The primary recipients of personal data are journalist members of the service whose questions are answered by the communication officers or the Academy's administrators.

The personal data are processed by Academy administrators. The journalists members only process personal data that concern questions they are answering. The communication officers will also see the personal data contained in their own organisation’s answers to the questions of the journalist members.

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.

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

Data may be erased at the request of the data subject. A person’s data will also be deleted if the person’s email address or other contact information is no longer in use.

Once a year, Academy administrators will delete any personal data older than eight years.

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

Data on researchers and experts is obtained from communications officers or from public sources, such as university websites.

Other data subject groups provide their data to the service themselves.

10 Rights of the data subject

10.1 Right of access
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.

10.2 Right to rectification

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.

10.3 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 establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, for the protection of the rights of a natural or legal person, or for reasons of important public interest of the Union or a member state.

10.4 Right to lodge complaint with 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 any requests concerning the rights of the data subject, please contact us at kirjaamo@aka.fi.