



Privacy Statement¹
Information on the protection of your personal data
Accreditation of journalists for European Council summits
and high level events – Ref. 059R01

1. Who is responsible for the handling of your personal data at the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC)?

Head of Security Strategy and Business Continuity Unit -ORG.5.

security.screening.companies@consilium.europa.eu

2. Contact details of the GSC's Data Protection Officer

Data Protection Officer

data.protection@consilium.europa.eu

3. What categories of personal data do we handle?

Profile on the web application:

name, surname, date and country of birth, nationality, address, photo, phone number, e-mail address, ID (type, number, validity date), scan of the press card or letter of the editor, data of their Media company (name of the editor, phone number and e-mail of the editor).

Compulsory forms detailing the personal data and bearing acceptance of the security screening with a valid signature according to the applicable law. Belgian nationals or data subjects resident in Belgium, are requested to provide as well their national registration number.

¹ Your personal data is handled in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.



A scan of the ID document is stored in the application upon withdrawal of access card.

Data concerning the results of security screening and registrations to high-level events, are included in the profile of the Media representatives (only visible to GSC staff). The badge is presented at the access control posts to verify its validity and its use is recorded in the application for security purposes.

The access logs of GSC officials to the IT systems linked to this processing (username, timestamp and operations carried out) are also processed.

4. For what purpose do we handle your personal data?

Personal data are used to grant access to Media representatives wishing to cover in person the summits and high-level events organised by the GSC.

Aggregated data, made anonymous, are used as well to keep statistical track of participants.

5. What is the legal basis for the handling of your personal data?

Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725: ‘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’.

Decision 1/2018 of the Secretary General of the Council on the Security and business continuity tasks of the Directorate of Safety and Security entered into force on 22 October 2018.

The following Belgian Laws constitute the legal basis for processing under this Record:

- the Law of 11 December 1998 on security classification and security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions (Belgian Official Gazette of 7 May 1999, p. 15 752) and the accompanying Royal Decree of 24 March 2000, as amended by the Royal Decree of 3 June 2005;

- the Law of 11 December 1998 establishing an appeal body for security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions and the accompanying Royal Decree of 24 March 2000;



- the Law of 23 February 2018 amending the Law of 11 December 1998 on security classification and security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions and the Royal Decree of 8 May 2018 amending the Royal Decree of 24 March 2000 implementing the Law of 11 December 1998 on security classification and security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions;
- the Royal Decree of 8 May 2018 laying down the sectors of activity and the competent authorities referred to in Article 22d(7) of the Law of 11 December 1998 on security classification and security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions
- the Law of 7 April 2023 amending the Law of 11 December 1998 on security classification and security clearances, certificates and advisory opinions establishing the competence of the Belgian Federal Police for delivery and withdrawal of certificates and advisory opinions;

6. If the legal basis is consent, you can withdraw it by

Not applicable

7. If the legal basis is a contract, are you obliged to provide us with your personal data and what are the consequences of not doing so?

Not applicable

8. If we did not receive the personal data directly from you for this purpose, how did we obtain it?

Not applicable

9. Who are the recipients of your personal data?

A limited number of GSC staff working for the Directorate for Safety and Security and the Directorate for Media and Communication using a login and a password.

Staff working for SMART Digital services department for development and maintenance of IT infrastructure.

The Belgian Federal Police.



10. Will your personal data be transferred to a third country or an international organisation? If so, what safeguards are in place, if any?

No

11. For how long will we keep your personal data?

The retention period is 10 years.

12. Does the handling of your personal data involve automated decision-making, including profiling? What are the consequences for you?

Not applicable

13. What are your rights² and how can you exercise them?

As personal data are inputted directly by you, you have the right to access them at any moment using your login and password.

In case of group registration, you can grant the right to manage your registration to other person(s) who manage groups. You can retrieve your permission at any given moment.

All other rights (including correction and deletion) are dealt with by the GSC according to the rules set in the regulation.

Under certain circumstances, you may have the right to obtain the erasure of your personal data, or the right to object to the handling of your personal data or to ask for it to be restricted.

Together with your request, you must provide a copy of an identification document to confirm your identity (ID card or passport). This document should contain an identification number, country of issue, period of validity, your name, your address and your date of birth. Any other data contained in the copy of the identification document such as a photo or any personal characteristics may be blacked out.

² Articles 17 to 22 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.



14. Could your rights be restricted under Art. 25 of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725?

Not applicable?

15. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor

edps@edps.europa.eu

Before you do so, it is recommended that you first try to obtain a remedy by contacting the person responsible for the handling of your personal data at the GSC (see point 1) and/or the Data Protection Officer (point 2).
