



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## **PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA**

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

**Processing operation:** LUCAS\_SOIL

**Data Controller:** JRC.D.3 – Land Resources

**Record reference:** DPR-EC-01961

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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 “LUCAS\_SOIL”, a database collecting harmonised EU-level statistics on soil data and providing for each soil sampling point both the soil data and the geographical coordinates, undertaken by JRC.D.3 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: JRC.D.3 collects and uses your personal information to collect harmonised EU-level statistics on soil data and making available LUCAS-SOIL data to organizations and citizens under a license agreement, restricting the use and the dissemination of the data.

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:

Community Statistical Programme 2008-2012.

Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics constitutes the legal basis for the preparation of the European statistical programme, providing the framework for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics. The current programme was established by Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the European statistical programme for the period 2013 to 2017. It has been extended to 2020 by Regulation (EU) 1951/2017 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017.

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.D.3 collects the following categories of personal data:

The soil sampling analytical data are in combination with the geographic coordinates where the soil samples were taken.

The provision of personal data (namely locations where soil sampling has taken place) meets the legal requirements of the European statistical programme. It is necessary for the performance of the task of data dissemination, which is carried out in the public interest

#### **5. How long do we keep your personal data?**

JRC.D.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, until the end of lifecycle of the European Soil Datacentre.

#### **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.

The original LUCAS soil point data will be made available to organizations and citizens under a license agreement, restricting the use and the dissemination of the data.

#### **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:

[ec-esdac@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ec-esdac@ec.europa.eu)

### **- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto: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](mailto: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-01961 - LUCAS\_SOIL.