

PRIVACY STATEMENT

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Selection of 20 Vloggers in the frame of the Faces2Hearts 2019-2020 Competition

Data Controller: Directorate – General for International Cooperation and Development – Communication Unit (DEVCO.02)

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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 undertaken by Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, Communication Unit (DEVCO.02) in the frame of the Faces2Hearts 2019-2020 Competition is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: DEVCO.02 processes your personal information to carry out the selection procedure of applicants in the frame of the Faces2Hearts 2019-2020 Competition following a public call for proposals and ensure their participation and follow – up actions to said Competition. The aim of this call is to gather and select quality applications of up to 40 young vloggers.

Description of the processing of personal data:

- Applicants will apply using an online form: the webform filled in by the users is stored in the website’s backend.
- Applicants will personally introduce their personal data on the online-application form. They will be asked to explicitly agree on the use of their data during the campaign.
- The data is saved in a secure backend of the Wordpress website. Once the application date is expired, personal data is extracted from the backend by the contractor and transmitted to the Commission department in charge of the selection. Only administrators of the website will have access to the participants’ personal data. Incomplete applications will be rejected and the relevant data will be deleted.
- Once the selection is finalised, successful candidates are contacted and informed via email. The contractor will request additional information for the organisation of the logistics (e.g. ID/passport)
- The contractor will sign a contract fixing the terms of the collaboration with each participant.

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 pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, because processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body. More specifically, Articles 4(4) and 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union¹ (TFEU) provide that the Union shall have competence to carry out activities and conduct a common policy in the area of development cooperation. Within the European Commission, the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) is in charge of development policy in a wider framework of international cooperation.

In addition, Article 15(1) TFEU foresees that in order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible, while Article 11(1) of the Treaty on European Union² stipulates that the institutions shall, by appropriate means, give citizens and representative associations the opportunity to make known and publicly exchange their views in all areas of Union action.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation DEVCO.02 collects the following categories of personal data:

Mandatory information:

- Personal information allowing the identification of and contact with the applicant:
 - First Name
 - Surname
 - Country of residence
 - Nationality
 - Date of birth
 - E-mail address
 - Profession
 - Preferred country of travel

- Information provided by the applicant to allow the verification of the eligibility and selection criteria as laid down in the call for expression of interest:

Profession, expertise, practical examples of work, personal skills, technical knowledge and skills (audio-visual), language skills (written and spoken English), information about the familiarity with the overall theme, personal drive, education, used material, etc.

- Information allowing the selection committee to ensure appropriate geographical and gender representation:
 - Nationality
 - Country of residence
 - Gender
 - Examples of personal work
 - Proof of language skills

¹ OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 47.

² OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 1.

- Personal information of reference persons:
We may request the contact details of a reference person of the winners for urgency issues that may rise while the vloggers are traveling:
 - First Name
 - Surname
 - Level of acquaintance
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone number

5. How long do we keep your data?

DEVCO.02 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for 5 years **after the end of the Faces2Hearts 2019-2020 competition** between the European Commission and its contractor (i.e. August 2025) for audit purposes.

The contractor keeps aggregated data for 5 years **after the end of the Faces2Hearts 2019-2020 competition** (i.e. August 2025) for audit purposes of participation in events, which is not connected in any means to individual participants, for statistical and audit reasons.

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 either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractor [GOPA Com. S.A., Boulevard de la Woluwe, 2 – 1150 Belgium]. 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.

The Commission's contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' Regulation (EU) 2016/679). The personal data is collected and processed electronically and is stored on the servers of IBF based in Belgium and governed by Belgian law. No hardcopy documentation is kept after the selection of the experts (the selection procedure usually takes 4 weeks after the closing of the call). The contractor also applies security measures of its Service Point server and of Outlook.

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 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 name, surname and country of origin will be published on the Faces2Hearts website once the winner will be selected.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients; the processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing. The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

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 on grounds relating to your particular situation or the right to data portability.

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 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, EUROPEAID-Webmaster@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (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) 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.