



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: MIDAS - Modelling Inventory and Knowledge Management System of the European Commission

Data Controller: JRC.I.2

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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 “MIDAS - Modelling Inventory and Knowledge Management System of the European Commission” undertaken by JRC.I.2 is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: JRC.I.2 collects and uses your personal information to display a 'point of contact' and to determine who has the rights to edit and manage model descriptions. It is also required that MIDAS can trace who made the latest changes to model descriptions within the system.

MIDAS also contains contact points in EC departments that actively use this model in support of the policy cycle. MIDAS, therefore, processes personal data in order to store the connection between a model and those responsible for running the model and those using it.

Modelling and modelling results play an important role in many Impact Assessments used in support of policy making decisions. The information contained in MIDAS (Modelling Inventory and Knowledge Management System of the European Commission) regarding a model needs to be created and maintained by a contact point who is then responsible for that model description.

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; and according to Article 5(1)(d) you have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one specific purpose.

Legal basis:

- This project is in-line with the **European Commission's Better Regulation** policy committed to opening up policy making. MIDAS is part of the Better Regulation Toolbox as an important tool for transparency and traceability of model use, leading to the propagation of consistent methodology underpinning better regulation.
- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 15 and 249 thereof,

- Regulation 1049/2001 of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents,
- Decision 2011/833/EU of 12 December 2011 on the reuse of Commission documents,
- Commission Decision C(2019) 1655 final of 22 February 2019 adopting Creative Commons as an open licence under the European Commission's reuse policy,
- Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on Better Law-Making OJ L 123, 12.5.2016.

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.I.2 collects the following categories of personal data:

The provision of personal data is not mandatory.

In order to identify the data subjects the following personal data is collected:

EC Staff: EU login username, surname and first name, email and affiliation.

In order to identify publications the following personal data is collected:

Publications: MIDAS stores citations as titles for publications. These citations can contain the surname and first name of authors external to EC.

MIDAS may also reference personal data indirectly i.e. the front end application may provide a link to the following websites/portals:

- **Connected (EC):** MIDAS stores EC staff usernames and uses these to provide a link to Connected
- **Scientific Knowledge Portal** (this portal is where scientific publications and policy support deliverables are disseminated to JRC staff and Commission customers): MIDAS stores document id's and provides a link to this site if it was published here.
- **Publications Office of the European Union (Public):** MIDAS stores document id's and provides a link to this site if it was published here.
- **External Scientific Journals** e.g. Nature, Science, etc. (Public): MIDAS stores document id's and provides a link to this site if it was published here.

We have obtained your personal data from Connected, the Scientific Knowledge Portal, Publications Office of the European Union and External Scientific Journals (e.g. Nature, Science).

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

JRC.I.2 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for 2 years after you have consented to the process of your personal data. For EC staff we have yearly updating campaigns where we specifically ask people to confirm that they are still the contact point for a given model. At least 6 months before the end of the retention period, EC staff will be contacted and reminded to renew the approval for the management of personal data. If the approval is not given, or the user cannot be contacted, the user will be removed from the database after the end of the retention period.

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 data about EC Staff (ECAS username, surname and first name, email and affiliation) is only available to the **European Commission**.

The Publications data (citations as titles for publications) is available to the **European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the European Union and the general public**.

Indirect references to personal data (links to Publications Office of the European Union, External Scientific Journals) are available to the **European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the European Union and the general public**.

Indirect references to personal data (links to Connected, Scientific Knowledge Portal) are available to the **European Commission**.

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 consented to provide your personal data to JRC.I.2 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

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:

EU-MIDAS@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.

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-00255 - MIDAS - Modelling Inventory and Knowledge Management System of the European Commission.