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Data Protection Notice

Anonymous survey - Processing of data for the ERA Academy Survey for InnoTrans 2024 (23-27 September 2024)

1. Introduction

This notice provides information to individuals about the reasons and the way of processing of their input/data by the European Union Agency for Railways (“ERA” or “the Agency”) in the context of the Academy Survey for InnoTrans 2024 (taking place in Berlin, Germany 23-27 September 2024).

It explains the way the Agency collects, handles, and ensures protection of all data provided, and how that information is used. 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.

Data are processed in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices, and agencies and on the free movement of such data and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.

The ERA Academy¹ of the Agency coordinates the dissemination and training activities of the Agency. It aims at providing a better understanding of EU rail regulatory framework, improving the level of quality of applications, making the authorization process more time and cost effective. The information from the replies on this survey are anonymous and shall be aggregated/consolidated.

For more information about the processing in question, you are invited to contact ERA through the addresses provided in section “Contacts” below.

2. Controller of the processing operation

The Controller determining the purpose and means of the processing of your personal data is the Head of Monitoring, Analysis, Research and Stakeholders Unit European Union Agency for Railways².

The Agency uses the EU Survey tool to collect the data and to ask your consent for their submission. You can consult the privacy statement of EU Survey [here](#). This privacy statement specifies that, for the use of EU Survey tool, the Data Controller is the European Commission (or the “Commission”).

3. Purpose of the processing operation

The ERA Academy uses the survey to collect aggregate information from stakeholders in the railway sector to improve its services. The replies will be used to produce consolidated reports, which shall feed into the analysis of needs with a view of updating the Agency’s communication and dissemination plan as adopted by the Management Board, in accordance with the second sentence of Article 39 of Regulation (EU) 2016/796.

¹ <https://www.era.europa.eu/can-we-help-you/faq/era-academy-events-training>

² https://www.era.europa.eu/agency-you/agency/organisation_en#oe-content-paragraph-2234

4. Data collected and processed

All data subjects' replies will be processed anonymously. The following personal data is collected:

- *Age: in a range.*
- *Gender, with the option 'prefer not to say'.*
- *Job/current studies and educational background.*
- *Country of workplace.*
- *Open text inputs to the railway related questions in the survey.*

The Agency reviews all entries submitted via the EU Survey questionnaire.

5. Recipients of personal data

The responses to the survey are stored on EU Survey by the Commission and transferred to the Agency for processing.

Access to your personal data is provided only to the EU Agency for Railways staff/responsible for carrying out this processing operation and eventually in the future to Agency contractors according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

6. Your rights as data subject

As the survey is entirely anonymous—it is not possible to individually identify your response to the survey.

If you have any queries concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to the data Controller. You will find the address in the Contacts below.

7. Legal basis for the processing operation

The legal basis for the processing is:

- [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/796, Article 39, second sentence](#)
- [Communication and dissemination plan, point 4.6 – Continuous Improvement](#)

Lawfulness:

The above data processing operation is carried out in accordance with Article 5(1)(b) and (d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725: processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

8. Time limit for storing the data

The Agency only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of the survey.

9. Contacts

All your requests concerning your data protection rights should be addressed to the Data Controller at AODMars@era.europa.eu. In case you have any questions related to the protection of your personal data, you can also contact the ERA Data Protection Officer at Dataprotectionofficer@era.europa.eu.

You have at any time the right of recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor at edps@edps.europa.eu.