PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Analysis Company Data

Data Controller: TAXUD.D4 - Economic analysis, evaluation & impact assessment support

Record reference: DPR-EC-08729

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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 “Analysis Company Data” undertaken by TAXUD.D4 (Economic analysis) is presented below.

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

**Purpose of the processing operation:** TAXUD.D4 acquires from vendors commercial databases on company data that could contain personal data. These databases are used to support economic analysis activities in the context of the policy-related activities.

Quantitative economic analysis to underpin policy activities need relevant data sources. For example, in the context of corporate taxation, databases (commercial or public) specialised in company data are needed to produce evidence. These databases could potentially contain some personal data. The main analytical goal when using these products is to obtain aggregate information and produce quantitative evidence that can guide policies. Therefore, the use of personal data directly in the activities performed is minimised.

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, under Article 5(1)(a) of the Regulation:

“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;”

According to the EU Treaty (article 17) the Commission has the legislative initiative power and as such it should propose new policy. According to the Commission’s ‘Better regulation’ framework (Commission Decision COM(2015)215/F1 ) new policy should follow an evidence-based policy-making approach. As part of the policy-making lifecycle, an ‘impact assessment’ should be carried out prior to the legislative proposal and policies should be monitored and evaluated.

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

In order to carry out this processing operation TAXUD.D4 processes the following categories of personal data: [Specify the categories of personal data concerned.]
Identification data: Company name and company information details could potentially contain some personal data.

Other personal data available on persons related to the companies (managers, shareholders, auditors, etc.): Name, Contact details (address, email address, telephone number), Gender, Date of birth, Link to LinkedIn profile, Biography, Salary, Education, Disqualified as a director, Directorships/roles, Country of residence, Place of birth, Nationality.

We have obtained your personal data from commercial databases that rely strongly on public and open sources.

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

TAXUD.D4 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for a maximum of 3 years in order to reproduce and correct prior analytical results. After the retention period, the data will be deleted.

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. 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.

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, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and 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) on grounds relating to your particular situation.
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, TAXUD.D4, TAXUD-UNIT-D4@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-08729