



Privacy Statement

Regulation No 45/2001 (hereinafter ‘the Regulation’) applies to the processing of personal data carried out by the European Parliament.

In accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of this Regulation, the European Parliament provides the data subjects with the following information:

1. The controller is: the European Parliament,
Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union,
Secretariat of the Committee on Petitions.
Person designated as being in charge of the processing operation: Ms Virpi Köykkä
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2. The purpose of the processing is to implement the right to petition by:
 - receiving submitted petitions and supports;
 - treatment of petitions by the Committee on Petitions in accordance with the applicable procedure;
 - informing petitioners of the decisions taken by the Committee on Petitions.
3. The personal data collected and used are:
 - For the treatment of the petition:
 - first and last names, address, telephone number and email; all personal data provided by the petitioner as part of his/her petition;
 - first and last name as well as signatures of supporters of a petition.
 - For statistical purposes:
 - title, age range and nationality of the petitioner.
4. Should the petition be deemed admissible, personal data may be transferred:
 - to Members of the European Parliament;
 - to the European Commission;
 - to national authorities;
 - to the Council of the EU;
 - to the members of the public.
5. Data subjects have the right of access and the right to rectify the personal data concerning them by contacting the data controller.
6. Petitions are public documents. This means that the identity of the petitioner, the number given to the petition and the personal data contained in the petition:
 - may be disclosed to recipients listed at point 4 of this document;

- may be mentioned in public meetings held by the Committee on Petitions, and thus webstreamed (this means that meetings may be watched by anyone through the European Parliament website);
- may be mentioned in plenary session, and thus be recorded in the minutes published in the Official Journal;
- may be made available on the internet website of the European Parliament at: www.europarl.europa.eu.

To the extent that the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament provide for such possibility, petitioners may request the non-disclosure of their identity. The European Parliament stresses, however, that despite the application of this procedure, the Institution might be requested by a citizen, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, to disclose to the public the personal data concerned, in accordance with that regulation. In such a case, the European Parliament might be obliged to publicly disclose the personal data concerned.

7. The legal basis of this processing operation is:
 - Article 227 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
 - Rules 215 and 216 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament.
8. Personal data may be stored for the duration of the petition process and possible judicial proceedings against the European Parliament regarding the petition. After that period, petition files are stored for historical purposes in accordance with the applicable rules on historical conservation. In this context, storage of personal data contained therein might become necessary for historical purposes.
9. Data subjects have the right to have recourse at any time to the Data Protection Officer of the European Parliament - data-protection@ep.europa.eu - and to the EDPS - edps@edps.europa.eu.