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PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: *Operational meetings of the structured dialogue initiative*

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, Unit B4 – Medical products: quality, safety, innovation (hereinafter DG SANTE Unit B4)

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1. Introduction

The European 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 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of *the operational phase of the structured dialogue initiative*. It explains 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 of *the operational phase of the structured dialogue initiative*, undertaken by *DG SANTE Unit B4* of the European Commission, is presented below.

The structured dialogue initiative is one of the flagships of the Pharmaceutical Strategy. The purpose of the structured dialogue initiative is to strengthen the resilience of pharmaceutical supply chains and ensure the security of supply of medicines, without compromising the affordability of medicines. It will do so by bringing together and facilitating discussions with and between the actors in the pharmaceuticals manufacturing value chain, public authorities, research community, health professionals and patient organisations.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: The European Commission collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the organisation, preparation, management and follow-up of *the operational phase of the structured dialogue initiative* (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that *initiative*.

Audio-visual recording at *meetings of the operational phase of the structured dialogue* of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs may be taken and published at https://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/strategy/dialogue_medicines-supply_en.

Names of the speakers may be published at https://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/strategy/dialogue_medicines-supply_en.

Please note that for the organisation of these meetings, the European Commission will get technical assistance from a third party service providers which may process personal data for the purpose of the technical organisation of the event, using third-party videoconferencing IT tools (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Webex, Zoom). Please read section 7 below for more information

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to the processing of this personal data, by sending an email to the organiser prior to the event using the following functional mailbox e-mail address SANTE-STRUCTURED-DIALOGUE-PHARMA@ec.europa.eu.

Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision-making, including profiling.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the operational phase of the structured dialogue initiative (including photos and audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Consequently, those processing operations are lawful under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (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).

Your consent is required for the following actions during the structured dialogue operational phase:

- ▶ the sharing of the list of the participants to the meetings in the operational phase of the structured dialogue, including your name, affiliation and email address, among participants for the purpose of future collaboration;
- ▶ the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events that the European Commission may organise in relation to its policy on security of supply.

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by providing the response to the related question in the recruitment questionnaire.

Your consent for these purposes can be withdrawn at any time by sending an email to SANTE-STRUCTURED-DIALOGUE-PHARMA@ec.europa.eu.

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

The following personal data will be processed:

- contact details (title, first name, last name, organisation type, name of organisation, country of work, job title, e-mail address);
- audio-visual recording of the meeting, for establishing the attendance list and afterevent video (promotional video about the structured dialogue).

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

- ▶ All personal data related to the organisation and management of *the operational phase of the structured dialogue* (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the events) will be deleted **one year** after the last action in relation to *the operational phase of the structured dialogue*.
- ▶ In case of audio-visual recording of *the meetings of the operational phase of the structured dialogue*, the recordings will be kept for **2 years** after the *event* before being deleted.
- ▶ In case physical meetings will be organized, personal data shared with the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security of the European Commission for the participants to gain access to Commission buildings is kept **for 6 months** after the

termination of the link between the data subject and the Commission. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00655 (Commission Physical Access Control System (PACS)).

- ▶ Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters or invitations to similar events) are processed in line with the Record of Processing DPR-EC-03928 (Management of subscriptions to receive information) and the specific privacy statement prepared by the organising Commission service.

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 [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. 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 other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

For the organisation of this event, the European Commission may get technical assistance from a third party service providers.

Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user's device (such as a computer, tablet or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of a website (functional cookies) or for gathering statistics (analytical cookies).

The collection, aggregation and anonymising operations are performed in the data centre of the European Commission under adequate security measures.

Cookies are stored by Europa Analytics, the corporate service which measures the effectiveness and efficiency of the European Commission's websites on EUROPA. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00685 (Europa Analytics).

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the event website may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally and the pattern data is fully under the Commission's control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We use third party IT tools to organise *the meetings within the operational phase of the structured dialogue* and to communicate through widely used communication channels, including the social media. For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00073 (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

You may be able to watch our videos, which may be also uploaded to one of our social media pages and follow links from our website to other relevant social media.

In order to protect your privacy, our use of third party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only in the event that you click on a button or "play" on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

In order to view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties' specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

We recommend that users read the relevant privacy policies of the social media tools used carefully before using them. These explain each company's policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users' rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

Please note that the events will be held using third party videoconferencing IT tools (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Webex, Zoom or others). These IT tools have their own cookies and privacy policies, over which the Commission has no control. By accepting to participate into this meeting, the participants consent to the processing of their personal data by the third party videoconferencing IT tools and accept their privacy policy.

The use of a third party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. In the event that one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

Other transfers

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 further 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, 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) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You have consented to provide your personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal of your consent 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, SANTE-STRUCTURED-DIALOGUE-PHARMA@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.