

Privacy

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Personal Data Protection

The EPP Group is committed to user privacy. Its privacy policy is based on [Regulation \(EC\) N° 45/2001](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000.

This general policy covers the EPP Group's family of websites.

Although you can browse through most of these websites without giving any information about yourself, in some cases, personal information is required in order to provide the e-services you request.

Websites that require such information treat it according to the policy described in the Regulation mentioned above. You will find further [information about the use of your data](#) for these services below and, in some cases, additional information on the websites themselves.

In this respect:

- J For each specific e-service, a controller determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data and ensures conformity of the specific e-service with the privacy policy;

- J Within each Institution, a Data Protection Officer ensures that the provisions of the Regulation are applied and advises controllers on fulfilling their obligations (see art. 24 of the Regulation);

- J For all the Institutions, the European [Data Protection Supervisor](#) will act as an independent supervisory authority (see art. 41 to 45 of the Regulation).

The EPP Group's family of websites provide links to third party sites. Since we do not control them, we encourage you to review their privacy policies.

What is an e-service?

An e-service on EPP Group websites is a service or resource made available on the Internet in order to improve the communication between citizens and businesses on the one hand and our European political Group on the other hand.

Currently we offer information services that provide citizens, media, business, administrations and other decision makers with easy and effective access to information, thus increasing transparency and understanding of the policies and activities of the Group. These include newsletter services and the option of saving a list of your favourite contacts, for which you are required to create an account.

Our privacy policy statement covers the following information about the use of your data:

- J What information is collected, for what purpose and through which technical means the Group collects personal information exclusively to the extent necessary to fulfil a specific purpose. The information will not be re-used for an incompatible purpose;

- J To whom your information is disclosed. The EPP Group will only disclose information to third parties if that is necessary for the fulfilment of the purpose(s) identified above and to the mentioned (categories of) recipients. The Group will not divulge your personal data for direct marketing purposes;

- J How you can access your information, verify its accuracy and, if necessary, correct it. As a data subject you also have the right to object to the processing of your personal data on legitimate compelling grounds except when it is collected in order to comply with a legal obligation, or is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are a party, or is to be used for a purpose for which you have given your unambiguous consent;

- J How long your data is kept. The EPP Group only keeps the data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing;

- J What are the security measures taken to safeguard your information against possible misuse or unauthorised access;

- J Whom to contact if you have queries or complaints;

- J When the EPP Group may use your details to contact you;

- J The use of cookies on the EPP Group website and how you can reject these cookies.

What information do we collect about you, why and how?

When you subscribe to receive our newsletters, or want to keep a list of your EPP Group contacts, we offer you the option of creating an account on our website. In order to do this, we ask you to provide the email address at which you wish to receive alerts and which will serve as your login. This email address is stored in our newsletter database so that we can use

it each time we send you an alert. You will be asked to enter a password, which will be encrypted. You will also be required to enter your first name, last name, preferred language and indicate whether or not you are a member of the press. We use this information so that we can address you by name and so that we know what language to send you content in when translations are available. If you indicate you are a member of the press, you may also receive press invitations from us.

We use our own newsletter application to contact you with the information you have asked to receive and your details are stored in an in-house database that only we have access to. You may also be asked to enter additional information, such as your first and last names, the name of your organisation, your country and whether you are a media professional. This information is stored but not used. We may consult this data to help us assess what information may be relevant to send out to our subscribers in our newsletters.

We use Google Analytics to collect statistics on our site, including information on what countries are visitors are from. We do this in order to analyse and improve our website and the services we offer. We do not however collect complete IP addresses.

We may also use any details you have provided to respond to queries you have sent us, whether by phone or email.

Who do we disclose your information to?

The EPP Group will only disclose information to third parties if that is necessary for the fulfilment of the purpose(s) identified above and to the mentioned (categories of) recipients. The Group will not divulge your personal data for direct marketing purposes.

How can you access your information and correct or edit it?

You can unsubscribe from our newsletter services at any time by clicking the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of any newsletter.

To modify your details, edit your preferences, or to know what information we hold, you can also log in to your account on our website. For further questions, you can contact us at eppgroup@europarl.europa.eu.

How long do we keep your data?

We keep your data only as long as you are subscribed to our services or as long as it takes to answer your query. Once you unsubscribe, this data will be deleted from our databases. We will also destroy data provided for responding to a query if you ask us to.

What security measures do we take to safeguard your information?

Your data is kept in a secure database. The EPP Group internet servers are protected by a corporate Firewall and the databases are secured with a specific login and password.

When we may use your details to contact you

We will use your details each time we send you a newsletter you have subscribed to. We will also use your details to respond to any query you have sent us.

How do we use cookies?

We will use cookies to retain your settings (eg. choice of language display) on visiting our site or when logging into your account (eg. when you tick 'Remember me' on logging into your account), when you ask us to.

What is a cookie?

A cookie is a small amount of data, which often includes a unique identifier that is sent to your computer or mobile phone (referred to here as a "device") browser from a website's computer and is stored on your device's hard drive. Each website can send its own cookie to your browser if your browser's preferences allow it, but (to protect your privacy) your browser only permits a website to access the cookies it has already sent to you, not the cookies sent to you by other websites. Many websites do this whenever a user visits their website in order to track online traffic flows.

How do we treat e-mails you send us?

Some web pages on EPP Group websites have a "Contact" button, which takes you to a page with a contact email address on it. If you click on this email address, your e-mail software will be activated and will invite you to send your comments to a specific functional mailbox.

When you send such a message, your personal data is collected only to the extent necessary to reply. If the management team of the mailbox is unable to answer your question, it will forward your e-mail to another service.

If you have any questions about the processing of your e-mail and related personal data, do not hesitate to include them in your message.

Who do I contact for further information?

Email us at epp-internet@europarl.europa.eu

Changes to EPP Group's Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy may be updated from time to time so you may wish to check it each time you submit personal information to the EPP Group. The date of the most recent revisions will appear on this page. If you do not agree to these changes, please do not continue to use EPP Group websites to submit personal information to the EPP Group. If material changes are made to the Privacy Policy we will notify you by placing a prominent notice on the website.

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