



# PRIVACY STATEMENT - DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA  
RELATED TO EVENTS AND MEETINGS  
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION ADVISORY MISSION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
(EUAM CAR)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The protection of your privacy including your personal data is of great importance to the European Union and to European Union Advisory Mission in RCA (EUAM RCA). Consequently, all personal data that can identify you either directly or indirectly will be handled lawfully and with the necessary care.

This ‘Data Protection Notice and Privacy Statement’ describes how EUAM RCA processes your personal data for the purpose for which it has been collected and what rights you have.

When processing personal data, EUAM RCA reflects the provisions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and in particular its Article 8 on the protection of personal data.

Your personal data is collected, processed, and stored by EUAM RCA in accordance with the principles and provisions laid down in the applicable legislation on data protection, including the 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; aligned with the provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation)'; and in accordance with the Civilian Operations Commander's Instruction 12-2018 as well as with EUAM RCA's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on the protection of personal data.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE PROCESSING: Why we process your data?

The purpose of the data processing activity is to ensure proper organisation and management of events and meetings related to implementation of the mission mandate to disseminate information among participants and the public, enhance cooperation, networking, facilitate exchange fora. It is also intended to facilitate contact between participants and other interested persons.

“Events and meetings” include, amongst other things, in house and external location workshops, conferences, seminars, expert meetings, trainings, visits, study visits abroad, photo opportunities and other events or meetings organised by EUAM RCA that relate to the Mission or the Mission's mandate. Events and meetings can be formal or informal and they can include Mission Members, European Union officials, host Government officials, citizens of RCA, officials from partner organisations and the country's diplomatic corps, as well as other invited guests.

The organisation of “events and meetings” includes the management of contact and mailings lists for invitations, handling of participation requests and feedbacks, the preparation and distribution of preparatory materials, meeting reports, news items and publications to the participants as well as travel arrangements, accommodations, and the entry to the premises with access control.

## 3. DATA PROCESSED: what data we process?

Personal data that may be processed include the following:

1. Events and meetings:
  - Identification and contact information, including name, position / title, profession, function / organisation, email address, phone number, gender
  - Information about transport and accommodation if foreseen: financial information and banking details for the reimbursement of travel expenses / allowances, together with supporting documents (e.g. tickets).
2. For events and meetings abroad, in addition to the previous:
  - photos, issue and expiration dates, document numbers, date and place of birth, nationality (copy of passport)
  - RCA tax number;
  - copy of transport tickets, hotel reservation, boarding passes, etc.
  - Bank details, that include names, surnames, bank account numbers, full address and post numbers (Financial Identification Form (FIF) or certificate from banks)
3. In addition, data are also collected during these events and processed for public information, promoting EUAM RCA in communications and publications:
  - photos, audio and video filming and web streaming of speakers, participants, or organisers as well as feedback, surveys, reports and other information about the event
  - biographies and CVs.

#### **4. DATA CONTROLLER: Who is entrusted with processing your data?**

The Controller determining the purpose and the means of the processing activity is the CSDP Mission EUAM RCA. The EUAM RCA section responsible for managing the personal data processing is Security and Duty of Care Department under the supervision of the Head of Mission.

#### **5. RECIPIENTS OF THE PERSONAL DATA: Who has access to your data?**

1. The recipients of your personal data (defined under point 3. DATA PROCESSED, paragraphs 1 and 2), and only if the data is necessary to fulfil the task (strictly need-to-know basis), may be
  - Designated organising staff of EUAM RCA or other assigned EUAM RCA team members
  - EUAM RCA Security staff
  - External partners, contractors, service providers for the event
  - Event participants, including speakers, interpreters, technical staff if applicable
  - EUAM RCA staff at Finance unit and Human Resources Management Unit
  - External travel agency
2. The recipients of your personal data (defined under point 3. DATA PROCESSED, paragraph 3) may be
  - EUAM RCA intranet users (if data published on EUAM RCA intranet)
  - General public (if data is made public on the internet, EUAM RCA website or social media platforms)

Upon request personal data is given for the purpose of internal ex-post financial control and for internal or external auditing. The given information will not be communicated to third parties or transferred to a Third Country, except where necessary for the purposes outlined above.

#### **6. ACCESS, RECTIFICATION, ERASURE OF DATA: What rights do you have?**

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, you have the right to access your personal data and the right to request the correction of any inaccurate or incomplete personal data. You also have the right to ask the Mission to delete your personal data except in the following categories:

- the personal data is needed to exercise the right of freedom of expression;
- there is a legal obligation to keep the data;
- for reasons of public interest (for example public health, scientific, statistical or historical research purposes).

Data that was processed unlawfully must be deleted. In the case of an individual, data collected when a person was a minor, that data must also be deleted.

If you gave your express consent for the collection of personal data, you may withdraw that consent and the Mission will delete your personal data unless it falls within an excepted category.

Data can be kept if it has undergone an appropriate process of anonymisation.

The Mission will try to implement your request within one month after the receipt of your request.

If you have any queries concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to the functional mailbox: [data.protection@euam-rca.eu](mailto:data.protection@euam-rca.eu)

## **7. WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THESE ACTIONS?**

Personal data is processed for the execution of the Mission's mandate and Head of Missions' duty of care for security. The following documents form the legal basis for the Mission's actions:

- Council Decision 2019/2110/CFSP, 09 December 2019 with its subsequent amendments and the OPLAN endorsed by Political and Security Committee (PSC).
- Civilian Operations Commander Instruction 12/2018 on the SOP on Personal Data Protection
- EUAM RCA SOP on Data Protection

## **8. TIME LIMIT - DATA STORING: For what period and how do we process your data?**

### Retention of data

Our aim is to keep your personal data not longer than necessary for the purposes we collect them. After the event or meeting, your personal data is kept if follow-up actions to the event/meeting are required.

Documents provided for EUAM RCA Finance and Human Resources Management Unit are stored and deleted according the relevant regulations of those EUAM RCA activities.

Personal data is related to event/meetings is stored electronically with other material of the project in concern, at the SharePoint and by EUAM RCA Project Management Unit. Personal data may, however, be part of contact list shared internally among EUAM RCA for the purpose of promoting future EUAM RCA activities and disseminating information.

Personal data may be kept for information and historical, statistical, or scientific purposes for a longer period including the publication on the EUAM RCA intranet or EUAM RCA website with appropriate safeguard in place.

### Security of data

Appropriate technical and organisational measures are ensured

- *Electronic format*: the data will be stored on the servers that abide by the pertinent security rules. Personal data will be processed by assigned staff members. Files have authorised access. Measures are provided to prevent non-responsible entities from access, alteration, deletion, and disclosure of data. General access to all collected personal data and all related information is only possible to the recipients with a User ID/Password.
- *Physical Files*: When not in use, physical copies of the collected personal data will be stored in a properly secured and locked storage container.
- to prevent any unauthorised person from gaining access to computer systems; any unauthorised reading, copying, alteration or removal of storage media; any unauthorised memory inputs; any unauthorised disclosure, alteration or erasure of stored personal data; unauthorised persons from using data-processing systems by means of data transmission facilities;
- to ensure that authorised users of a data-processing system can access no personal data other than those to which their access right refers; the possibility to check logs; and that personal data being processed on behalf of third parties can be processed only on instruction of the controller; furthermore that, during communication or transport of personal data, the data cannot be read, copied or erased without proper authorisation.

**9. MISSION DATA PROTECTION ADVISOR: Any questions to the MDPA**

In case you have questions or concerns related to the protection of your personal data, you can contact the Mission Data Protection Advisor (Legal Adviser) at the functional mailbox of the Mission ([data.protection@euam-rca.eu](mailto:data.protection@euam-rca.eu)).

**10. RECOURSE**

You have the right of recourse and you may write to the Head of the Mission of EUAM RCA, with the Mission Data Protection Advisor (Legal Adviser) in copy at [data.protection@euam-rca.eu](mailto:data.protection@euam-rca.eu)