

# **SPECIFIC PRIVACY STATEMENT**

## **2016 TWINNING SUPPORT SCHEME**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this scheme is to gather applications for the 2016 Twinning Support Scheme by **filling in an online form**. Empirica is acting as processor on behalf of the European Commission, under the responsibility of the Acting Head of Unit of INFSO.H.2 - Digital Social Platforms unit Directorate-General Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission.

As this online service collects and further processes personal data, it is subject to data protection rules as established by Regulation (EC) 45/2001<sup>1</sup>.

### **1. WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT AND THROUGH WHICH TECHNICAL MEANS?**

#### **1.1. Identification Data**

Personal data collected and further processed are only those data which are necessary for the management of applications (such as name, surname, profession, postal and e-mail addresses, phone number/fax number, etc.).

The processing operations on personal data linked to the management of this consultation are necessary for the functioning of the Commission as mandated by the Treaties, and more specifically by Articles 5 and 13 TEU and Articles 244 - 250 TFEU.

#### **1.2. Technical information**

For this data collection, empirica does not collect information about users' general internet usage through cookies or storing IP addresses.

The record kept of users' responses does not contain any identifying information about the user unless a specific question in the survey has asked for this. If an identifying token is used to allow users to access the survey; users can rest assured that the identifying token is not kept with their responses. It is managed in a separate database, and will only be updated to indicate that the user has (or hasn't) completed this online form. There is no way of matching identification tokens with survey responses in this survey.

### **2. WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION AND TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?**

At the end of the twinning call all received submissions, together with the contacts and identity of the contributor, will be published online, on the portal of the EIP on AHA and the Scale-AHA study website. Applicants will be informed ahead of this publication.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data

### **3. HOW DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?**

The collected data are stored on a secure webserver.

At the closing of the call, empirica will hand over the data to Commission staff. From then on the data will be stored on the servers of Directorate-General Communications Networks, Content and Technology.

### **4. HOW CAN YOU VERIFY, MODIFY OR DELETE YOUR INFORMATION?**

In case you want to verify which personal data is stored, have it modified, corrected or deleted, please contact us using the Contact Information below and explicitly specifying your request.

### **5. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?**

Your personal data will be part of a list of contact details shared amongst Commission staff for the purposes of contacting you in the future in the context of:

- The processing and evaluation of your twinning submission
- Subsequent Commission's initiatives linked to the EIP on AHA.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

In case you wish to verify which personal data is stored, have it modified, corrected, or deleted, or if you have questions regarding the information processed in the context of the call, or on your rights, feel free to contact the support team at: CNECT.H.2 - Digital Social Platforms EC-EIP-AHA@ec.europa.eu

### **RECOURSE**

Remarks can be addressed to the Commission Data Protection Officer:  
data-protection-officer@ec.europa.eu

Complaints, in case of conflict, can be addressed to the European Data Protection Supervisor:  
edps@edps.europa.eu