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Unit I.02 SMP/SME Pillar, Internal Market and Support to Standardization

Data Protection Notice for the WomenINvestEU: Network needs mapping and analysis survey

Your personal data is processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725¹ on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data.

The data controller of the processing operation is Unit I.02 of the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) who can be reached via EISMEA-SMP-GENDER-INVESTORS@ec.europa.eu.

The following **entities process** your personal data on our behalf: EurA AG (Max-Eyth-Straße 2, 73479 Ellwangen, Germany) – womeninvesteu@eura-ag.de, Business Angels Europe (Kunstlaan 6, 1210 Brussel, Belgium) and its subcontractor META Group s.r.l. (Via Francesco Mancini, 23, Terni, Italy), Bpifrance (Avenue du Général Leclerc 27-31, 94710 Maisons-Alfort, France), as selected contractors for the implementation of the WomenINvestEU project, and the approved third-party authorised sub-processor: Microsoft, for the purpose of hosting the survey and collecting the data of the respondents.

The legal basis for the processing activities is/are:

- Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 because 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)² laid down in Union law;
- Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 based on **your explicit prior consent** for your non-mandatory personal data indicated below; - etc.].

The purpose(s) of this processing is to gather insights from the WomenINvestEU network, in order to gain a better understanding of the existing capacities, barriers and challenges of gender-focused investors and provide valuable input for the implementation of the project.

The following of your personal data are collected: your first name, last name, email address, organisation, country in which you are based, role in the organisation, targeted investment stages, all your insights on the questions on gender-focused investing, your capacity and knowledge building needs and the type of activities that you would like to participate in under the scope of the project. All personal data are **mandatory** for the purpose(s) outlined above.

¹ 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, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L295/39 of 21.11.2018).

² EISMEA Establishment Act: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) [2021/173](#) of 12 February 2021 establishing the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, the European Research Executive Agency, the **European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency**, the European Research Council Executive Agency, and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and repealing Implementing Decisions 2013/801/EU, 2013/771/EU, 2013/778/EU, 2013/779/EU, 2013/776/EU and 2013/770/EU (OJ L 50/9 of 15.2.2021).

In addition, the following **non-mandatory** personal data are collected: your phone contact, your sectors of interest and geographies you cover, your preferred format to access activities, the support that you are willing to provide to the project, your LinkedIn account and the names and contacts of additional contact points, and can only be processed based on your explicit prior consent.

The recipients of your personal data will be the EISMEA and Commission staff in charge of the WomenINvestEU project and bodies in charge of monitoring or inspection tasks in application of Union or national law (e.g. internal audits, Court of Auditors, European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF), law enforcement bodies).

Your personal data **will be transferred** to Microsoft's servers.

The online survey will be conducted **using the following tools**:

- For the purpose of hosting the survey form and the submitted data, **Microsoft Forms**, under EurA AG's responsibility. Microsoft will store all mandatory and non-mandatory information submitted by the survey respondents. Microsoft tenants in EU member countries, including this activity's data processor, maintain data in Macro Region Geography 1 - EMEA.

For information on how Microsoft Forms uses cookies and how it processes personal data, please see at: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/servicesagreement>

The processing of your data will **not include automated decision-making** (such as profiling).

The following technical and organisational security measures are in place to safeguard the processing of you personal data:

- All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of EISMEA, the European Commission and of its contractors and subcontractors, engaged to assist the controller in the implementation of the project's activities;
- 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, EISMEA and 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 given processing operations.
- EISMEA and Commission contractors and subcontractors are bound by specific contractual clauses for any processing operations of your personal data on their behalf and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR' - Regulation (EU) 2016/679)

Your personal data will be kept for a maximum period of 2 years from 10/11/2024. Data will be manually deleted at the end of this period.

The personal data may be further processed for historical, statistical or scientific purposes. The further retention time for this purpose will be up to 20 years.

You have the right to access your personal data and to request your personal data to be rectified, if the data is inaccurate or incomplete; where applicable, you have the right to request restriction or to object to processing, to request a copy or erasure of your personal data held by the data controller. If processing is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing based on your consent before its withdrawal.

Your request to exercise one of the above rights will be dealt with without undue delay and within **one month**.

Your right to information, access, rectification, erasure, restriction or objection to processing, communication of a personal data breach or confidentiality of electronic communications may be restricted only under certain specific conditions as set out in the **applicable Restriction Decision** in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

If you have **any queries** concerning the processing of your personal data, you may address them to Unit I.02 (entity acting as data controller) via EISMEA-SMP-GENDER-INVESTORS@ec.europa.eu.

You shall have the right of recourse at any time to the EISMEA Data Protection Officer at EISMEA-DPO@ec.europa.eu and to the European Data Protection Supervisor at <https://edps.europa.eu>.

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