



Data Protection Notice
For the EU4Algae Thematic Webinar
Environmental Credits for Seaweed Aquaculture and Marine Permaculture
20 March 2026

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of 23 October 2018 on data protection (hereinafter the Regulation), the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (hereafter CINEA) collects your personal data only to the extent necessary to fulfil the precise purpose related to its tasks.

1. The controller is CINEA:

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency – CINEA

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CINEA Unit D.3 – Sustainable Blue Economy

Person responsible for the processing: Head of Unit D.3

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2. The purpose of the processing is for the controller and its contractor EurA AG¹ (EU4Algae coordinator) to promote the EU4Algae initiative under the European, Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) programme to relevant target audiences. This includes the organisation of online thematic webinars. The related processes include:

- a) Management of participants registrations to the thematic webinar;
- b) Event follow-up actions such as satisfaction surveys, follow-up communications on the event;
- c) Management of online platforms for registrations and meeting organisation such as B2Match and Zoom;
- d) Production and delivery of the visual and audio-visual content such as promotional videos, pictures and other promotional material used for communication and dissemination activities on the event.

3. The data subjects concerned by this notice are:

- a. The natural persons registering and/or attending the webinar;

¹ The privacy policy of the contractor is available at: <https://www.eura-ag.com/en/privacy-policy>



b. The staff of the European Commission and Executive Agencies taking part to the webinar;

4. The categories of personal data collected and used for the processing operations are:

- a. Identification data: first name, last name, position/function, organisation, biography;
- b. Contact details: e-mail, website, social links, country;
- c. Feedback and comments in the follow-up survey;
- d. Photos or videos for online communication, if active consent is provided.

Personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

In addition, personal data, which is not mandatory for the purpose of the project implementation might be collected during the communication activities for example pictures, web streaming of events or video, full or short CVs but only with the consent of the data subject concerned.

The collected responses to surveys will be presented in anonymized manner and/or as aggregated data in the reports including survey results. These reports will be publicly available but will not allow for the identification of the data source. This means that you will not be identifiable in any of these reports and your personal data will not be made public.

5. All **recipients** are on a "need to know" basis. The recipients to whom the personal data will or might be disclosed are:

- a) CINEA services and their authorised staff in charge of managing the projects (grant agreements and contracts) funded under the EMFAF programme (such as project officers and managers, financial officers, legal officers, auditors in charge of audit, etc.);
- b) CINEA contractor's (EurA AG) authorised staff and its subcontractors' authorised staff in charge of performing and managing the tasks or studies within framework of signed contracts under the EMFAF programme;
- c) Relevant staff of the EC services (e.g. DG MARE)

In case of reviews, proceedings, personal data may be provided to CINEA's Internal Controller, DPO, etc.

In addition, data may be disclosed to public authorities such as for instance the below ones, which may not be regarded as recipient in accordance with Union and Member State law. The processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purpose of the processing:

- a) Bodies in charge of a monitoring or an inspection task in application of Union law (e.g. internal audit, IAS, Court of Auditors, etc.);
- b) The European Court of Justice or a national judge as well as the lawyers and the agents of the parties in case of a legal procedure;



- c) OLAF in case of an investigation conducted in application of Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999;
- d) The European Ombudsman within the scope of the tasks entrusted to it by Article 228 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
- e) The European Data Protection supervisor in accordance with Article 58 of the Regulation (EC) 2018/1725;
- f) The European Public Prosecutor's Office within the scope of Article 4 of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

In principle, the contractors will not share your personal data with any third parties without your express consent, except where we may be required to do so by law.

6. Use of third-party IT tools

The event will be held using third-party IT services (e.g. B2Match and Zoom), which may collect personal data and have their own cookies and privacy policies. We encourage you to read their privacy statements, as we have no control over information that is submitted to or collected by these third parties.

Your personal data may be transferred outside the EU via the use of third-party IT tools, which abide to specific data protection or terms of use policies. For additional information on use of cookies and personal data processing by third parties, you may consult the following links or the link mentioned on the relevant page for other alternative tools:

- Zoom [link](#)

-B2Match [link](#)

Our website may use third-party resources that are stored on their respective sites. We use them to display maps, fonts and icons. Third-party providers on our website may include or display content from external providers, which are outside of the control of the controller. For additional information on the terms of use of those possible external providers, you may consult the following links or links mentioned on the relevant page:

- [YouTube](#);

- [LinkedIn](#);

- [Twitter](#);

- [Facebook](#);

- [Instagram](#).

7. Data Subjects rights



You have the right at any time to access, rectify, erase ('right to be forgotten') your personal data. You are also entitled to object to the processing or request for the restriction of the processing.

When processing is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing before such a withdrawal.

Depending on the on-line service you are accessing, you can either:

- Access, check, modify, update, and delete your personal profile online yourself at any time;
- Ask the data controller for the removal of your account.

You can exercise your rights by sending an email with the requested change(s) to the controller via the functional mailbox indicated here above in Section 1 and to contact@eu4algae.eu.

To ensure the consistency of the platforms and the coherence of its content, your contributions and comments will be kept on the platforms but anonymised, even in case of an eventual removal of your profile.

In any case, your data will be modified or removed accordingly and as soon as practicable (maximum within 15 working days).

However, these rights can be restricted in line with Decision SC (2020) 26 of the Steering Committee of 14 October 2020 (OJEU L 45 on 9.2.2021, p. 80) on internal rules concerning restrictions of certain rights of data subjects in relation to the processing of personal data. This is to safeguard the rights of other data subjects and to respect the principles of equal treatment among applicants and the secrecy of deliberations.

In order to grant or not the data subjects rights, CINEA will carry out a case-by-case assessment of each individual request and give the reasons underlying its decision, considering the type of information held and whether any exceptions of the internal rules are applicable.

The restrictions will continue applying as long as the reasons justifying them remain applicable and may be lifted if these reasons would no longer apply, if the exercise of the restricted right would no longer negatively impact the applicable procedure or adversely affect the rights or freedoms of the data subjects.

8. How does CINEA protect and safeguard your 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, CINEA or of EurA AG, its contractor (and possibly its subcontractors).

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, CINEA 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.

The processors (contractors and their sub-contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the data controller. The processor has put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the required level of security.

Where applicable, the **cookies** used by the Controller are covered by the [cookie policy](#) of the Commission. Every time you visit the Commission's websites, you will be requested to accept or refuse cookies. 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 on Europa Analytics [privacy policy page](#). Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary and is only used to ensure a better browsing experience. 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 the browsing quality.

9. The legal basis of the processing is:

in accordance with Article 5(1)(a) of the Regulation (processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest including for the management and functioning of CINEA) and Article 5(1)(d) of the Regulation (consent of the data subject), notably:

- a) Council Regulation 58/2003 of 19 December 2002, laying down the Statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of EU programmes;
- b) Regulation (EC) n° 1653/2004 of 21 September 2004 on a standard Financial Regulation for the executive agencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) n°58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programme;
- c) Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004;
- d) Regulation 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, repealing Regulation No 966/2012;
- e) 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;

- f) Commission Decision C(2021)947 of 12 February 2021 delegating powers to the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of transport and energy infrastructure; climate, energy and mobility research and innovation; environment, nature and biodiversity; transition to low-carbon technologies; and maritime and fisheries.

10. The time limits for keeping the data are the following:

CINEA keeps data in accordance with the 2022 Retention List of the Commission² (2 years for website related data and communication activities and 5 years for events). Your personal data will remain in the contractors and subcontractors' databases only for the duration of the relevant event or maximum one year after its closure and will be deleted afterwards.

11. Contact information

In case you have any questions about the collection/processing of your personal data, you may contact the data controller who is responsible for this processing activity by using the email address mentioned here above in Section 1.

You may contact at any time the Data Protection Officer of CINEA (CINEA-DPO@ec.europa.eu). You have the right to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu).

² SEC (2022) 400 – ARES(2022)8801492 – 19/12/2022