



## **Privacy Statement on personal data protection for the EMCDDA ESCAPE platform**

The EMCDDA uses the ESCAPE platform for collecting data on injecting drug use and providing an online forum for the ESCAPE network according to Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction. Any data collected or information provided by persons within this platform will be processed in accordance with ['Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725'](#).

This Regulation concerns the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data provided to the European Union institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. In compliance with Articles 15 and 16 of the Regulation, the EMCDDA provides all the concerned persons with the following information:

The Controller<sup>1</sup> of the data is the Head of the Public Health Unit. In order to contact the controller please do it in writing to the following e-mail address: DC-COM@emcdda.europa.eu. The owner of the ESCAPE platform acts as a data processor under the instructions of the Controller,

The purpose of the platform is exclusively within the scope of collecting, validating, interpreting and analysing data on substances found in a sample of used injecting materials as described by the ESCAPE generic protocol

### **Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?**

Once validated, the data is accessible to the ESCAPE network only. While under validation, the data is accessible to the data provider and ESCAPE coordination team (EMCDDA and scientific coordination). Likewise, information exchanged on the forum is accessible to the ESCAPE network only

### **Transfer of data to third parties**

The transfer of your data, either within or between Community institutions or bodies or to recipients, other than Community institutions and bodies, subject to Directive 95/46/EC, is safeguarded by Articles 4 to 13 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#). The third parties are called their attention to the respect of the principle that data must be processed in strict confidentiality and exclusively for the purpose for which it was submitted.

### **How do we protect and safeguard your information?**

The EMCDDA takes appropriate and reasonable technical and organizational measures designed to protect Personal Information from loss, misuse, unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration, and destruction, taking into account the risks involved in the processing and the nature of the Personal Information. If you have any questions about the security of your Personal Information, you may contact the EMCDDA as a data Controller

The ESCAPE platform require a username and password to log in. Members must keep their username and password secure, and never disclose it to a third party.

### **How can you verify, modify or delete your information?**

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<sup>1</sup> Article 3(8) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 defines the controller as follows: '[...] controller means the Union institution or body or the directorate-general or any other organisational entity which, alone or jointly with others determines the purpose and means of the processing of personal data [...]']



[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) safeguards your right to access your data. It also foresees the right to require the Controller to rectify without delay any inaccurate or incomplete personal data. You also have the right to require the Controller to erase data if the processing is unlawful. For changing contact details or erasing all other data, you need to contact the EMCDDA's Communication Unit in writing using the following address: [EMCDDA-COM@emcdda.europa.eu](mailto:EMCDDA-COM@emcdda.europa.eu) Furthermore, you are free to address the European Data Protection Supervisor or the EMCDDA Data protection Officer at any time.

The right to rectification can only apply to the factual data processed during the concerned case. **What personal information do we collect and for what purpose?**

The categories of personal data dealt with on the ESCAPE platform include the email address, the name, surname, country, city and institution of the user. In some cases, if the data subject wishes to do so, other information might be shared on the forum module of the platform.

### **Legal basis for the processing of data**

The legal basis used by the EMCDDA to use a platform for collecting and analysing data is Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, in conformity with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

### **How long do we keep your data?**

Data will be kept as long as the user wishes to participate to the ESCAPE project and platform. Once the user declares its willingness to cease participating, its profile will be deleted. This action is followed up by a manual permanent deletion of all personal data.

Data kept for statistical purposes (only total number of Contacts dealt with per year); in line with Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, will be kept anonymously.

### **Recourse**

You have the right to recourse via the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) if you consider that your rights under [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the EMCDDA. You may also contact the EMCDDA's DPO in case of any difficulties or for any questions relating to the processing of your personal data at the following e-mail address: [dpo@emcdda.europa.eu](mailto:dpo@emcdda.europa.eu)