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EPICommunity Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy is for the EPICommunity, hosted by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUPh), in the context of the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No: 101016926, "EPICUR-Research" project.

The EPICommunity is based on the alpha version of the "EPICommunity Prototype" platform, created by AUPh, supporting the functionality described in the deliverable "[D2.5: EPICommunity design](#)" of the "EPICUR-Research" project.

The protection of personal data in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is taken very seriously into consideration by the AUPh.

Controller

Controller for data processing on the EPICommunity platform within the meaning of the GDPR and other data protection regulations is

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AUPh has appointed Mrs Kornilia Vikelidou as its Data Protection Officer (DPO). You can contact our DPO at:

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Administrative and technical contact is

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Personal Data Collection, Processing and Use

In accordance with all the principles related to the processing of personal data under the GDPR, the processing of personal data is conducted lawfully, fairly, in a transparent manner and limited to what is necessary in relation to our purpose that is to manage user records and administration of the EPICommunity platform.

According to Art. 4 No. 1 of the GDPR, personal data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (e.g., name, address, email, etc.). AUTH collects processes and uses personal data when a user is using the platform and when publishing content and data on the platform itself.

User Registration

During the registration of a user in the EPICommunity platform, AUTH processes your following data:

- first and last name
- email address

After the registration, the processing may concern the following categories of data for each user's category:

Subscriber

- Mandatory
 - first and last name
 - date of birth
 - Institution/Organization
 - email address
- Optional
 - office address (street, city, country, postal)
 - phone number
 - photo

Member

- Mandatory
 - first and last name
 - date of birth
 - Institution/Organization
 - research level
 - profile descriptors (keywords)
 - email address

- Optional
 - alliance
 - ORCID
 - Photo
 - Europass url
 - office address (street, city, country, postal)
 - personal website
 - secondary email address
 - phone number
 - courses
 - publications
 - positions
 - projects
 - skills
 - groups
 - assessments
 - friendships
 - endorsements
 - comments

The user may choose what data is shared from the Europass to the EPICommunity. Excess data/information that is not described in this document is not processed or stored by the EPICommunity server, by any manner of means.

Usage Data

When using the EPICommunity we will collect the access data transmitted by your browser to our server and retain them for three (3) months. For viewing the EPICommunity, we collect the following data required for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller (Art. 6, par. 1 (f) of the GDPR) which are based on stability, security and improvement of the provided services.

- IP address
- Date and time of the request
- Time zone difference from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)
- Content of the request (specific page)
- Access status/http status code
- Websites from which the user's system accesses the EPICommunity platform
- Browser data (type, language and version)
- Operating system
- Websites that are accessed by the user's system via the EPICommunity platform

The usage data is not stored together with other personal data of the user. The usage data cannot be referred to certain persons and will not be combined with other data sources. We reserve the right to check these data later on, if concrete indications of unlawful use become known to us.

The storage of the user's IP address in log files is done to ensure the functionality of the EPICommunity platform. It also serves to optimize the EPICommunity platform and the security of our systems. The data is not used for marketing purposes.

Personal data will be retained for as long as the access to the EPICommunity platform is active in accordance with the platform's terms of use.

Transfer of Personal Data to Third Parties

AUTH will disclose your personal data to third parties outside the Platform only if AUTH is required by law to do so or is required to do so by a judicial order, or in response to requests from official bodies, in particular law enforcement and supervisory authorities, if and to the extent necessary to avert threats to public safety and order and to prosecute criminal offences.

Legal Basis

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is article 6 par. 1b of the GDPR since the processing of the personal data is necessary for the conclusion and the performance of the contract (entailing participation of the data subject in the EPICommunity/community of researchers) as well as for the interoperability with Europass platform. In case that personal data are processed for a different purpose than the initial purpose for which they were collected in the first place, the legal basis for this further processing will be article 6 par. 1a of the GDPR, namely consent of the data subject, provided that the latter has been previously notified of this further processing.

Your Rights

In general, you have the following rights towards us concerning the personal data:

- Right to information and access to your personal data¹
- Right to rectification¹
- Right to erasure²
- Right to restriction of processing²
- Right to data portability²

¹ You can exercise your right by sending an e-mail to epicommunity-support@auth.gr

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- Right to object to data processing²
- Right to withdraw consent (in cases where the processing of personal data is based on consent) at any time and in the same way that consent was initially given. The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing based on consent before its withdrawal.
- Right to contact the DPO by e-mail at data.protection@auth.gr
- Right to contact the competent supervisory authority (the Hellenic Data Protection Authority) and lodge a complaint through site www.dpa.gr in case that an issue has not been satisfactorily addressed by the DPO.

The above rights may be restricted by the Law.

A fee may be charged in case of manifestly unfounded or excessive requests. Otherwise, information will be provided free of charge (Article 12, par. 5 GDPR).

The provision of additional information may be requested should this be considered as necessary to confirm the identity of the natural person asserting the above rights (Article 12, par. 6 GDPR).

Data Security

AUTH uses technical and organizational security measures to the best of its current knowledge to protect the processed data from accidental or intentional manipulation, loss, destruction, or access by unauthorized persons. For example, your data is stored in a secure operating environment that is not accessible to the public. Our security policy based on ISO 27001:2013 and comprised of technical and organizational measures as required by the GDPR, is reviewed at regular intervals and continuously improved in line with the technological developments.

AUTH, as the sole Data Controller of the EPICommunity, involves AUTH employees/contracting parties for the purposes or EPICommunity personal data processing, meaning that no external Data Processors are involved. All AUTH employees process personal data and act under the supervision of the Data Controller. AUTH employees/contracting parties for the purposes or EPICommunity sign Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements.

SSL/TLS encryption

For security reasons and to protect the transmission of confidential content, such as requests that you send to us as the site operator, this site uses SSL or TLS encryption. You can recognize an encrypted connection by the fact that the address line of the browser changes from "http://" to "https://" and by the lock symbol in your browser line.

When SSL encryption is activated, the data you transmit to us can generally not be read by third parties. Please note, however, that when transmitting data via the Internet, it is never possible to guarantee complete protection against access by third parties.

Cookies

In addition to the data mentioned above, cookies are stored on your personal computer only when using the authorization server of the EPICommunity platform. Cookies are small text files stored in your computer system by the browser used by you, through which we (the server of the EPICommunity) obtain certain information. Cookies cannot execute any programs or transmit viruses to your computer. They serve to make internet offers more user-friendly, more effective, and quicker. It is distinguished between session cookies (transient cookies) and permanent (persistent) cookies.

Transient cookies are deleted automatically when you close the browser. They include in particular the session cookies. These store a so-called session ID, through which queries of your browser can be allocated to the joint session. They allow us to identify your computer when you return to the EPICommunity platform. Session cookies are deleted when you log out or close the browser. In contrast, persistent cookies remain stored on your computer even after you log out or close your browser.

We use session cookies exclusively. We do not use any persistent cookies or flash cookies. You can set your browser such that you will be informed about the setting of cookies and you can permit cookies in individual cases only, exclude the acceptance of cookies in certain cases or in general, and activate automatic deletion of cookies when closing your browser. When deactivating cookies, functionality of the EPICommunity platform's authorization server may be limited.

All other EPICommunity applications use only the session storage of your browser. Session Storage maintains a separate storage area for each given origin that's available for the duration of the page session (as long as the browser is open, including page reloads and restores). It stores data only for the session, meaning that the data is stored until the browser (or tab) is closed. Data is never transferred to the server. Storage limit is larger than a cookie (at most 5MB).

Contact

When contacting us by email, your user contact data (email address or telephone number and name, if applicable) will be stored for responding. The data is not disclosed in any way to third parties.

Data is deleted by the time that the required communication is concluded.

Updates to Our Policy

We may amend or update our Privacy Policy. Please, review our Privacy Policy published on the EPICommunity periodically.