



EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL AND SMEs EXECUTIVE AGENCY (EISMEA)

EISMEA.I – Innovation Ecosystems, Entrepreneurship and Consumers
I.02 – SMP/SME Pillar

Data Protection Notice for the WORTH II Partnership project

Your personal data is processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725¹ on the protection of individuals regarding 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 Head of Unit I.02 of the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA).

The following **entities process** your personal data on our behalf:

- AITEX (Plaza Emilio Sala 1, 03801 Alcoy, Spain)
- CARSA (Carretera Asua La Avanzada 6, 48930 Getxo, Bizkaia, Spain)
- Politecnico di Milano (Piazza Leonardo Da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano, Italy)
- Pomilio Blumm (Via Venezia 4, 65121 Pescara, Italy)
- Anna Maria Stein (Via Carlo Pisacane 1, 20129 Milano, Italy)
- 3rd parties for the organisation of on-line meetings (e.g. [Teams](#), [Webex](#))
- 3rd parties to enable matchmaking and search for partners ([EMS Platform services](#))

The legal basis for the processing activities is.:

- 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 Agency)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.

The purposes of this processing are: i) to communicate the WORTH Partnership Project II, e.g. awarded projects, call documents, relevant community, news and any other topic of interest.

ii) to enable matchmaking and search for partners, select experts to evaluate project proposals, register to participate in an Open Call and to facilitate project monitoring and follow-up supporting activities via the [EMS Platform services](#); iii) to invite winning partners to follow webinars, delivered via Microsoft TEAMS.

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 Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency** (OJ L 50/9 of 15.2.2021)

EISMEA Act of Delegation: [Commission Decision C\(2021\)949](#) delegating powers to the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency with a view to the performance of tasks linked to the implementation of Union programmes in the field of Innovative Europe, Single Market and Interregional Innovation Investments comprising, in particular, implementation of appropriations entered in the general budget of the Union.
Single Market Programme - Regulation (EU) 2021/690

[Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises \(COSME\) \(2014 - 2020\)](#)

Moreover, **the additional purpose** of this processing is, during dedicated events, to publish on the project's website and social networks of WORTH Partnership Project II, as well as through media publishers, audio and video recordings and pictures of the events. Such personal data may be published as well on external platforms such as [Vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com), [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) or [X.com](https://www.x.com).

The following of your personal data are collected: first name, last name, company, social networks, IP address, photo, video image. All personal data are **mandatory** for the purpose(s) outlined above.

In addition, the following non-mandatory personal data are collected during dedicated events: photo, video image, recording and can only be processed based on your explicit prior consent. You can withdraw such consent in any moment at [EISMEA- SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu).

The recipients of your personal data will or may be authorised Agency and Commission staff in charge of monitoring the implementation of the WORTH II Partnership project as well as the partners of the WORTH Partnership II consortium (i.e. AITEX, CARSA, Politecnico di Milano, Pomilio Blumm, Anna Maria Stein) and external experts who will be involved in the evaluation of project proposals, registered to participate in an Open Call of the 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 not be transferred** to third countries or international organisations. 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 your personal data: Personal data are processed on a need-to-know basis by authorised staff only, with limited access rights; files are stored on secured Servers subject to the European Commission's security Decision 2017/46 of 10 January 2017. Electronic communication and files are secured for internal communication purposes. Paper files are stored in locked cupboards, etc.

The contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679](#)).

Your personal data will be kept for a maximum period of 3 years after the end of the year in which the project ends (the project ends on 3 June 2025). Data will be manually deleted at the end of this period.

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 the Head of Unit I.02, EISMEA (entity acting as data controller) via EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@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>.

Cookies policy

Cookies are used for the technical functioning of a website or for gathering statistics.

Cookies are also typically used to provide a more personalised experience for a user for example, when an online service remembers your user profile without you having to login.

When you visit the Platform, some data may be collected on your browsing experience such as your IP address, the page you visited, when you visited and the website page you were redirected from.

This information is used to gather aggregated and anonymous statistics with a view to improving our services and to enhance your user experience.

The collection, aggregation and anonymising operations are performed in the [data centre of the European Commission](#) under adequate security measures.

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