

Data protection notice on data collection and research on violence against women or domestic violence

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The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. EIGE collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

You will find information in this document pertaining to the processing of your personal data by EIGE. If, upon reading it, you still have questions, please contact us at:

EIGE's Data Protection Officer, dpo@eige.europa.eu

EIGE's Task Force functional email, VAWDirectiveData@eige.europa.eu

Purpose of processing

Pursuant to Article 44 of the Directive (EU) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024¹ (hereinafter, 'the Directive (EU) 2024/1385'), EIGE shall support EU Member States in gathering data on violence against women or domestic violence.

To this end, EIGE intends to establish a Task Force composed of experts in the field. The work and cooperation of the Task Force may involve the use of questionnaires, written consultations, the review and commenting of documents developed within the framework of its mandate, as well as other related activities.

As part of the preparation for this initiative, it will be necessary to collect and further process the personal data of prospective members and observers.

No decision is taken by EIGE in this processing activity without human intervention.

¹ [Directive \(EU\) 2024/1385 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on combating violence against women and domestic violence](#); PE/33/2024/REV/1; OJ L, 2024/1385, 24.5.2024.



An EU Agency

Legal basis of processing

Processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out by EIGE in the public interest, namely that which has been assigned to the Agency by Article 44 of the Directive (EU) 2024/1385².

Types of personal data collected

Personal data collected and further processed will concern the members, observers, and ad-hoc invited persons of the Task Force. Data will serve to allow the Task Force members, observers and ad-hoc persons to access the common working space.

The personal data processed are details relevant for sharing information and documents via the common working space VAWD Directive Data channel created and administrated by EIGE, in particular:

- Name (first name, surname);
- Position and organization; and
- Contact details (country of residence, telephone number/mobile telephone number, e-mail address).

A list of the Task Force members, observers and ad-hoc persons with all the personal details published and shared in the common working space.

Individuals who have access to the data

Access will be given on a need-to-know basis to the following recipients:

- EIGE Head of Research & Policy Support Unit;
- EIGE Team Leader Gender Based Violence;
- EIGE Team Leader ICT & Facility Management;
- EIGE ICT Officer - Database Management / Administration;
- EIGE ICT and Facility Management Assistant;
- EIGE Assistant of the Administration Unit;
- EIGE HR Officer;
- EIGE Researchers from the Gender Based Violence Unit;
- Members, observers and ad hoc experts of the Task Force; and
- Authorised staff of the following EU institutions may have access to relevant personal data for audit control or investigation purposes: Court of Auditors, Internal Audit Service of the European Commission, and OLAF.
- Economic operator contracted by EIGE to perform a specific task (access will be limited and proportional to the necessary data of the specific task).

No other third parties will have access to your personal data, except if required by law.

No transfers of personal data to third countries or international organisations (outside the EU/EEA) take place.

² Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Retention policy

Data will be retained for 5 years following the individuals' departure from the Task Force.

Security of your personal data

Personal data for are stored on the servers hosted by EIGE within the European Economic Area/European Union. Access to your personal data is subject to strict security controls like encryption and access control.

Your rights as data subject

Within the limits set by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, you have the right to access, rectify, erase and/or port your personal data, as well as to restrict or object to the processing of your personal data.

In order to exercise your rights, please contact VAWDirectiveData@eige.europa.eu whereby you shall specify your claim (i.e. the right(s) you wish to exercise). The exercise of your rights is free of charge. If your request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, EIGE may refuse to act on it.

Other rights

Should you feel that the processing infringes the data protection rules, you are entitled to raise a [complaint](#) with the European Data Protection Supervisor.