

## **Privacy Statement on the processing of personal data in the procedure/context of Next Generation Underwater Services under EMSA/2025/OP/0003 - Expression of Interest Survey**

The protection of privacy is of high importance to the European Maritime Safety Agency ('EMSA'). EMSA is responsible for the personal data it processes. Therefore, we are committed to respecting and protecting the personal data of every individual and to ensuring efficient exercising of data subject's rights. All the data of personal nature, namely data that can identify an individual directly or indirectly, will be handled fairly and lawfully with the necessary due care.

This processing operation is subject to Regulation 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. The information in this Privacy Statement is given pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 of the Regulation 2018/1725.

### **1. Nature and the purpose(s) of the processing operation<sup>1</sup>**

The purpose(s) of the processing of personal data is to manage a preliminary survey conducted to collect expressions of interest and identify potential missions that could benefit from EMSA underwater services in 2026 under the FWC EMSA/2025/OP/0003.

The survey will be launched in October 2025 and will be sent to the participating authorities and organizations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> User Group Meeting of the EMSA Underwater Services that was held 16 September 2025. The participants will be invited to share with other organizations and authorities that may be interested in the EMSA underwater services. The survey will also be shared with EU bodies.

All inputs received within the survey will be treated as non-binding. The survey sole purpose is to support the Agency in budget and resources planning, and each mission will remain subject to a formal request from the competent authority.

The participation in the survey is voluntary. The contact information will be used for potential follow-up.

EMSA will not reuse the personal data for another purpose that is different to the one stated above.

The processing is not intended to be used for any automated decision making, including profiling.

### **2. Categories/types of personal data processed**

The categories/types of personal data processed are the following:

- Personal details: Name and Surname

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<sup>1</sup> Please, provide a brief description of the processing operation and clearly define the purpose(s).

- Employment details: Name of their organisation and work e-mail address

### **3. Processing the personal data**

The processing of the personal data is carried out under the responsibility of the Head of Unit 2.1 Safety and Security acting as delegated EMSA data controller.

The personal data are processed by EMSA project officers under the Unit 2.1 Safety and Security. More precisely under the Accident Investigation branch.

### **4. Access to and disclosure of personal data**

The personal data is disclosed to the following recipients:

The information concerning the participants in the survey conducted as part of the under EMSA will only be shared with people necessary for the implementation of such measures *on a need-to-know* basis. The data are not used for any other purposes nor disclosed to any other recipient.

The information in question will not be communicated to third parties.

Personal data are not intended to be transferred to third countries.

### **5. Protecting and safeguarding personal information**

EMSA implements appropriate technical and organisational measures in order to safeguard and protect data subjects' personal data from accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to them.

The personal data abovementioned will be stored in secure IT applications according to the security standards of the Agency as well as in specific electronic folders accessible only to the authorised recipients. Appropriate levels of *access are granted* individually only to the above recipients.

The database is password protected under single sign-on system and automatically connected to the user ID. The e-records are held securely so as to safeguard the confidentiality and privacy of the data therein.

### **6. Access, rectification, erasure or restriction of processing of personal data**

Data subjects have the right to access, rectify, erase, and receive their personal data, as well as to restrict and object to the processing of the data, in the cases foreseen by Articles 17 to 24 of the Regulation 2018/1725.

If data subjects would like to exercise any of these rights, they should send a written request explicitly specifying their query to the delegated data controller, Head of Unit 2.1.

The above requests will be answered without undue delay, and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. However, according to article 14 (3) of the Regulation 2018/1725 that period may be extended by two further months where necessary, taking into account the complexity and number of the requests. EMSA shall inform the data subject of any such extension within one month of receipt of the request, together with the reasons for the delay.

### **7. Legal basis for Data processing**

Processing is based on Article(s) 5a<sup>2</sup> of the Regulation 2018/1725.

All personal data related to the participants in the survey are processed in accordance with Administrative (ED) decision, internal rules or another legal instrument adopted on the basis of the Treaties.

## **8. Storing Personal data**

EMSA does not keep personal data longer than necessary for the purpose(s) for which that personal data is collected.

The data will be only retained until the end of December 2026.

## **4. Data protection points of contact**

Should data subjects have any queries/questions concerning the processing of your personal data, they should address them to the data controller, Head of Unit 2.1 Safety and Security under the following mailbox: [underwater.services@emsa.europa.eu](mailto:underwater.services@emsa.europa.eu).

Any data subject may also consult EMSA Data Protection Officer at: [DPO@emsa.europa.eu](mailto:DPO@emsa.europa.eu).

## **Recourse:**

Complaints, in cases where the conflict is not resolved by the Data Controller and/or the Data Protection Officer, can be addressed at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor: [edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu).

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<sup>2</sup> (a) a task attributed to EMSA by legislation, e.g. procedures under the staff regulations or tasks assigned by an Agency's founding regulation. Please mention the specific legal basis (e.g. "Staff Regulations Article X, as implemented by [...] Article Y", instead of just "Staff Regulations"). Not all processing operations required for the functioning of the Agency are explicitly mandated by legislation; recital 17 of the [Regulation] explains that they are nonetheless covered here, e.g. internal staff directory, access control, e.g. not specifically mentioned in primary or secondary EU legislation, but required for safety and security of staff, premises and information.