

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION POLICY OF THE HELLENIC FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION WEBSITE

1. Introduction

Protecting privacy and the personal data of website users is a top priority for the Hellenic Research and Innovation Foundation (HFRI).

This Policy aims to inform natural persons whose personal data is processed by HFRI in its role as a controller, in compliance with the principles and provisions outlined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Regulation EU/2016/679, Law 4624/2019 "Authority for the Protection of Personal Data," which implements measures for the protection of natural persons against personal data processing and incorporates the Directive (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the Council of April 27th, 2016, and other applicable legislation in force from time to time.

Personal data constitutes any information concerning an identified or identifiable natural person ("data object"). An identifiable natural person is one whose identity can be verified, directly or indirectly, particularly through mention of a recognizing element of his/ her identity, such as name, identity card number, location data, barcode ID card or of one or more factors specific to his/ her physical, physiological, genetic, psychological, economic, cultural or social identity.

Personal data processing constitutes any effect on data taking place by any person, with or without the use of automated methods, meaning any action or series of actions applied to personal data, such as collecting, inputting, sorting, organizing, retaining, storing, modifying, removing, using, transferring, transmitting or distributing by any other means, correlating or associating, connecting, locking, deleting or destroying.

This Policy is fully compatible with the European Regulation for the protection of natural persons against the processing of personal data EU/2016/679 and the Greek Legislation and aims to inform you about the information collected during your navigation on HFRI's website. In this policy you will find important information regarding the type, purpose of use of your personal data, your data protection and your rights as subjects of this data.

2. Responsible Entity

Responsible for the processing of personal data for the needs of the operation of this website is:

HELLENIC FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (HFRI)
185 Syngrou Ave. & 2 Sardeon Ave
P.C. 171 21, N. Smyrni
Telephone 210 64 12 410, 420
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3. Personal data collected by HFRI's Website.

HFRI may collect personal data and information about users/visitors through its website, either through information provided by users/visitors or gathered during their navigation. Personal data and information refer to data that can be used to identify or communicate with users/visitors, and are subject to the legal framework governing the privacy of personal data. Such data are used only for the purpose for which they were collected.

You are not required to provide personal information during your visit to the HFRI website. The only time you will be asked for personal information is when you choose to contact us through the online contact form available on the website. The required information in this case includes your **full name** and **email address**.

HFRI only collects the personal data necessary for communicating with users, and uses such data exclusively for this purpose and for as long as necessary. The Foundation does not collect personal data falling under special categories, such as data concerning racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs or political opinions, among others.

HFRI has accounts on several social networking platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. However, it does not process personal data on these platforms. Users can contact the account manager by sending a message through the platform's environment. If the administrator of each account receives messages containing personal data of natural persons, such data are treated as absolutely confidential, and their use serves exclusively the purpose of communicating with the Foundation. After the purpose for which they were collected has been fulfilled, such data are deleted.

HFRI does not exercise control over the personal data collected and maintained by social networking platforms as a condition or result of their use, and assumes no responsibility for the collection and processing of personal data carried out by these platforms. For more information on the purposes of collection, further processing and use of personal data by social networking platforms, as well as available settings to protect privacy and personal data, please consult the privacy policy of the respective social networking platform.

4. Cookies

The use of cookies on the website is aimed at enhancing visitors' browsing experience and analyzing website traffic. Cookies allow the website to remember specific details of a visit, such as preferred language, secure search preferences, and the number of visitors. These cookies are not used for any other purpose. Prior consent is necessary before any personal data is used for the aforementioned reasons. For more information about cookies, please consult the Cookies Policy.

5. Purpose and principles of the collection of personal data

The collection and processing of personal data by HFRI's website is carried out exclusively for the fulfillment of its functions and purposes. The processing is limited to the personal data that are necessary and appropriate for these purposes. The processing and protection of the personal data of website visitors and users are governed by the regulations established by national, EU, and international law regarding the processing of personal data.

6. Use of Personal Data Collected

The personal data obtained from the communication platform accessible through this website, and any data sent through messages to HFRI's social media accounts, are only used with the explicit consent of the individual and solely for communication and better service purposes.

No sale of personal data belonging to third parties or website visitors takes place on this website. Furthermore, HFRI does not transfer or reveal personal information of website users/visitors to third parties, except when required by law or necessary to fulfill contractual obligations related to the proper functioning of our websites and services.

7. Transmission/disclosure of data to third parties

Personal data collected may be shared or transmitted to third parties only if it is required by law or necessary to fulfill the website's purposes and functions, in compliance with relevant legislation. Certain services and functions of the website may be entrusted to natural or legal persons. In such cases, only the necessary personal data is transmitted to fulfill the assigned services, and the third parties are bound to HFRI regarding the confidentiality and secure processing of personal data.

8. Rights of Data Subjects

In accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation EU/679/2016, as data subjects, you have, both during the collection phase and subsequently, the following rights:

- Request to be notified of additional information regarding your personal data, any processing thereof, the purpose thereof as well as the notification/transmission to third parties and their identity. (Right to Information)
- Request access to them. (Access right)
- Submit a written or oral request for the correction of your data, when it is inaccurate, or the completion of your data, when it is incomplete (Right to rectification)
- Request the deletion of your personal data, as long as you no longer wish these data to be the subject of processing, and as long as there is no legal reason for HFRI (Right to be forgotten)
- To withdraw the consent you gave to HFRI at any time, without however affecting the lawfulness of processing based on your consent prior to withdrawal. (Right to be forgotten)
- Object to the processing of their personal data, provided that the public interest is not affected (Right to object).
- Request restriction of the processing of your personal data in order to limit the processing. (Right to Restriction of Processing)

For information and to exercise your rights, you can contact the Personal Data Protection Officer at dpo@elidek.gr.

We point out that according to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), you have the right to submit a complaint to the Personal Data Protection Authority.

9. Confidentiality and Security

The personal data collected by this website is necessary solely for the purpose of communication with visitors. All personal data is kept strictly confidential and is used exclusively for the purposes of communication. Access to this data is provided only to responsible executives of the organization and external partners who are committed to maintaining confidentiality and process all personal data with absolute discretion. Additionally, HFRI employs robust security systems and takes all necessary organizational and technical measures to ensure the security of personal data, preventing any unauthorized access or disclosure.

10. Modification of this personal data protection policy

HFRI reserves the right to modify this Policy from time to time without any prior notice, and such changes will be communicated through our website. Therefore, we recommend that you visit this page regularly to stay informed. By using the HFRI website, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and accepted our Data Protection Policy without any reservations.

11. Communication

To obtain further information or ask any questions related to this Policy or the processing of personal data by HFRI, please feel free to contact the Data Protection Officer at HFRI:

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