

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

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The European Commission is committed to protect your personal data and privacy. The Commission may collect and further process your personal data if you give your explicit consent, under 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.

### **Why and how do we process personal data? What personal data do we collect? To whom is personal data disclosed?**

As legal representative, once you have confirmed your intention to apply for an API on behalf of the organisation you represent and submitted the relevant form signed to the Commission relevant services in charge of EPREL, you accept the processing of your name, surname and email address in order to receive public API related communication. The information is required to track the identity of requesters and provided within a declaration, in the form of a digitally signed PDF document. This declaration is then stored in ARES and no name remains in the EPREL system.

### **How long is your personal email address kept?**

The name, surname and email address are required from legal representatives of organisations of API integrating applications/websites, to enable the provision of a “key”, but they are stored in ARES.

Only the email address is stored in EPREL with the only purpose to exchange API-related communications.

The data of the representative that have been collected are kept as long as the API key is needed by the organisation. If the organisation wishes to stop using the API key, then the data are removed. There is no further processing outside the scope of the specific context described above.

Your email address is stored and made available to Commission departments that have access to EPREL.

### **On what legal grounds do we process this personal data?**

Only the email address is stored in EPREL with the only purpose to exchange API-related communications. EPREL only processes your data with the objective to provide the integrating application/website with machine readable and searchable information respecting open standards for third party use, about products placed on the market and their energy labels and products information sheets. This will support the Commission in carrying out their tasks including enforcement under article 12.2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 as well as Annex I point 4(c).<sup>1</sup>

### **How do we protect your data?**

Email addresses are stored on the Commission’s EPREL server. All processing operations are carried out under Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46 of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission. To protect

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<sup>1</sup> “Functional criteria for the public part of the product database: c) the information shall be machine readable, sortable and searchable, respecting open standards for third party use, free of charge.”

personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures.

### **What are your rights and how can you exercise them?**

You have agreed to share your name, surname and e-mail address with the Commission as part of the process to get access to the EPREL API by the organisation you represent. You can withdraw your consent, at any time, by notifying the Data Controller. At that moment access to the API will be not possible for your organisation unless an alternative person of contact is provided simultaneously. This will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you withdrew your consent (which will become anonymous).

### **The Data Controller**

To exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or for questions, concerns, or complaints about the collection and use of personal email addresses, please contact the Data Controller:

European Commission – Directorate-General for Energy, Unit B3 Buildings and products  
Email: [EPREL-DATA-CONTROLLER-ENER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EPREL-DATA-CONTROLLER-ENER@ec.europa.eu).

### **The Commission Data Protection Officer**

The Data Protection Officer ([DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu)) can be contacted about issues related to processing a personal email address under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

### **The European Data Protection Supervisor**

If you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have not been respected as a result of the processing of the personal email address by the Data Controller you can lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor ([edps@edps.europa.eu](mailto:edps@edps.europa.eu)) .

### **Where to find more information?**

The Commission Data Protection Officer maintains [the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission](#), which have been documented and notified to the office.

This specific processing operation has been included in the Data Protection Officer's public register with the following record reference: DPR-EC- 12369.