



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: Evaluation of selected Active Labour Market Policies in Ireland

Data Controller: European Commission – Joint Research Centre – Unit S.3

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission 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).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation “*Evaluation of selected Active Labour Market Policies in Ireland*” undertaken by Unit S.3 of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre's mission is to support EU policies with independent scientific evidence and technical support throughout the whole policy cycle. The JRC provides methodological support to policy DGs and Member States in the area of ex-post counterfactual impact evaluation. In particular, the JRC is supporting DG EMPL in the European Commission/OECD project “*Pilot studies on impact evaluation of labour market and social policies through the use of linked administrative and survey data*”. This project currently comprises a number of country-level studies (involving Portugal, Lithuania, Greece, Ireland, Finland and Canada) and is aimed at supporting selected EU Member States to link data from relevant registers and surveys, with the aim to:

- conduct Counterfactual Impact Evaluation (CIE) studies;
- implementing and conducting CIEs based on microeconomic, administrative data;
- building or strengthening the Member States’ analytical and evaluation capacity.

Under this project, JRC would process personal data to carry out an evaluation of the effectiveness of selected Active Labour Market Policies in Ireland. The data that will be used for the evaluation consists of data collected separately for every individual (i.e. microdata) by the Irish Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provided to the JRC in pseudoanonymised form. A specific Personal Data Transfer Agreement will be signed between the Irish DSP and the JRC for the duration of the evaluation project (up to 2024). No processing of personal data from the European Commission was carried out in other country-level studies. This record only concerns the subject evaluation in Ireland.

Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data

We process your personal data, because, according to Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU)2018/1725, subparagraph (a), the 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 Union institution or body.

Legal basis:

As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre's mission is to support EU policies with independent scientific evidence and technical support throughout the whole policy cycle.

Commission implementing Decision C(2021) 3675 final adopts the Joint Research Centre's work programme for 2021-2022, in accordance with the Regulation establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and with the Council Decision establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe. The annex lists the Competence Centre on Microeconomic Evaluation among the projects aiming at strengthening the knowledge base for policy making and supporting the evaluation function in the Commission. The activities of the Centre will continue in the 2023-2024 work programme.

In particular, in the framework of the evaluation of selected labour market policies in Ireland, the JRC activity supports the Actions implemented under the Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") Programme; see Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on a European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation ("EaSI") and amending Decision No 283/2010/EU establishing a European Progress Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion (OJ L 347 20.12.2013, p. 238), as subsequently amended. The Programme includes among its objectives (Art. 15) "to: (a) develop and disseminate high-quality comparative analytical knowledge, in order to ensure that Union policies in the fields referred to in Article 1 are based on sound evidence and are relevant to needs, challenges and conditions in the individual Member States and other countries participating in the Programme; (b) facilitate effective and inclusive information-sharing, mutual learning and dialogue on Union policies in the fields referred to in Article 1 [quality and sustainable employment, adequate and decent social protection, combating social exclusion and poverty and improving working conditions], at Union, national and international level in order to assist the Member States and other countries participating in the Programme in developing their policies and the Member States in implementing Union law."

We do not process special categories of personal data, therefore Article 10 of Regulation (EU)2018/1725 does not apply.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation, JRC Unit S.3 collects the following categories of personal data:

- Socio-demographic variables: location of residence, gender, year of birth, nationality, education, marital status, household composition;
- Personal ID of the Jobseekers registered on the Live Register
- Employment/Unemployment data linked to the personal ID:
 - Receipt of unemployment/social security benefits;
 - Periods of registered unemployment;
 - Participation in active labour market programmes, including trainings;
 - Periods of employment, including information on the characteristics of employment (e.g. type of contract, contract duration) and relative income data.

We have obtained your personal data in pseudo-anonymised form from the Irish Department of Social Protection on the basis of a data transfer agreement. JRC will not be in direct contact with the data subjects.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

JRC Unit S.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely until the end of the evaluation study (until end of 2024).

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

In particular, the recipient of the data is staff from JRC Unit S.3 (Science for Modelling, Monitoring and Evaluations) and EMPL.F.4 Unit (Analysis and Statistics) working on the study. The results of the evaluation will be published in fully anonymized form.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a) on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified under Heading 10 below) in your request.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the

collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, JRC Unit S.3: EC-CC-ME@ec.europa.eu

- **The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission**

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- **The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)**

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-14589 – Evaluation of selected Active Labour Market Policies in Ireland.