EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: CASSINI Space Camps website (https://www.cassini.eu/spacecamps/)

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), Unit D3. Contact: DEFIS-D3@ec.europa.eu (hereafter DEFIS D.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 "CASSINI Space Camps website" undertaken by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS), Unit D3 and carried out by the data processor, Novaspace SRL, is presented below.

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

Purpose of the processing operation: DEFIS D.3 collects and uses your personal information to operate the CASSINI Space Camps website, to support the preparation and implementation of the CASSINI Space Camps action, to communicate to interested organisations and individuals, and to improve the website and related user experience.

Personal data are processed for the following purposes:

- to provide access to and use of the CASSINI Space Camps website and to ensure its security, technical functionality and continuous improvement;
- to communicate information about application rounds, Space Camp events, past editions, highlights, statistics, news and information material;
- to support communication, dissemination and promotion activities related to CASSINI Space Camps, including newsletters or updates where a data subject has subscribed or otherwise provided consent;
- to support surveys, feedback, monitoring, evaluation and reporting activities, including anonymised or aggregated statistics wherever possible;
- to publish photos, videos, testimonials, quotations, highlights or similar promotional material (based on consent, including where the person concerned is a minor and parental or legal guardian consent is required).

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:

(a) 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 European Commission; and

(d) the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes.

Processing under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 applies to the operation, security, technical functionality and continuous improvement of the CASSINI Space Camps website, as well as to communication, dissemination, monitoring, evaluation and reporting activities related to the CASSINI Space Camps action.

The Union law basis for the processing carried out under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 is Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013.

In particular, Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 provides that the general objective of Horizon Europe is to deliver scientific, technological, economic and societal impact from the Union's investments in research and innovation, to strengthen the scientific and technological bases of the Union, to foster the competitiveness of the Union, to deliver on Union strategic priorities, and to contribute to the realisation of Union objectives and policies.

Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/695 further provides that Horizon Europe shall support, among other objectives, the creation and diffusion of knowledge, skills, technologies and solutions, the attraction of talent at all levels, the strengthening of the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting and implementing Union policies, and the fostering of innovation, technological development, knowledge transfer and deployment of innovative solutions.

The CASSINI Space Camps action is also provided for in the Horizon Europe – Work Programme 2025, 7. Digital, Industry and Space, adopted by European Commission Decision C(2025) 2779 of 14 May 2025. Under "Heading 10 of Space – Boosting Space through training and education activities", the Work Programme provides for public procurement activities for the implementation of training and education actions in support of upskilling and reskilling efforts pursued by the European Space Policy and European research and innovation agendas related to Horizon Europe. It expressly includes "CASSINI Space Camp", targeting students aged 14-18, with the aim of sparking the interest of teenagers to pursue a vocation in space, with a particular focus on New Space.

Processing under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 applies where the processing is optional and based on the consent of the data subject. This includes, where applicable, non-essential cookies or analytics, newsletters or updates where the data subject has subscribed or otherwise provided consent, and the consent-based publication or use of photos, videos, testimonials, quotations, highlights or similar promotional materials. Where the person concerned is a minor, consent from a parent or legal guardian is required where applicable.

DEFIS D.3 does not intend to collect or process special categories of personal data for the operation of the website. However, photos, videos, testimonials, quotations or similar promotional material may, in specific cases, incidentally reveal information falling under Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Where such material is processed and published on the basis of consent, and where special categories of personal data are concerned, the processing is based on explicit consent pursuant to Article 10(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. Such material is not used for biometric identification, profiling or automated decision-making.

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

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

In order to carry out this processing operation DEFIS D.3 collects or publishes the following categories of personal data:

- IP address and, where applicable, device-related identifiers of the device used to access the website;
- browser, operating system and technical log information required for website security and functionality;
- cookie identifiers and analytics information, subject to the cookie settings and, where required, consent.
- subscription-related information, where the data subject has subscribed or otherwise consented to receive newsletters or updates, such as first name, last name, organisation where provided and email address;
- photos, videos, images, voice recordings, names, roles, organisations, quotations, testimonials, highlights or similar promotional material, only where relevant consent has been obtained;
- consent records, including records of newsletter subscription and cookie preferences.

The provision of personal data is not mandatory for the general use of the CASSINI Space Camps website. You may refuse or withdraw consent for non-essential cookies, newsletters or optional promotional uses without being prevented from accessing the website. However, some optional functions, such as receiving updates or appearing in promotional material, may not be available if the relevant personal data or consent are not provided.
Where personal data are collected directly from you, they are collected through your use of the website, your cookie preferences or your subscription or consent choices.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

DEFIS D.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, in accordance with the applicable data protection record, the Common Commission-Level Retention List and any applicable contractual, audit, reporting or legal obligations. Website technical and security logs are retained for six months. Analytics cookies and analytics data are retained for twelve months. Consent records, including records of cookie preferences are retained for five years.

Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving newsletters or invitations to similar events) including consent are kept in line with the specifically applicable privacy statement, namely until you unsubscribe from the mailing list.

Personal data forming part of contractual, audit, reporting or discharge documentation may be retained for the applicable contractual retention period, including, where relevant, up to seven years after expiry of the Framework Contract. Once the applicable retention period has expired, personal data are deleted, anonymised or otherwise securely disposed of, unless further retention is required by law.

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 either on the servers of the European Commission or of its contractors. 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.

The Commission's contractors are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the transposition of the General Data Protection Regulation in the EU Member States ('GDPR' Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

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.

Depending on the purpose of the processing, access may also be provided to:

- authorised staff of the European Commission / DG DEFIS involved in the CASSINI Space Camps action;
- authorised staff of the Contractor, Novaspace SRL, acting as data processor on behalf of the Data Controller;
- Cookiebot by Usercentrics A/S, Denmark, for cookie consent management services, only where necessary and subject to appropriate data protection obligations;
  competent authorities, where disclosure is required by law.

Cookies

Cookies are short text files stored on a user's device (such as a computer, tablet or phone) by a website. Cookies are used for the technical functioning of the website (functional cookies), for gathering statistics (analytical cookies), for improving the website and related user experience, and, where applicable, for remembering the user's cookie preferences.

The cookies used on your device for that purpose will be covered by our cookie policy of the Commission, which is available here: https://www.cassini.eu/spacecamps/cookie-policy

When you visit the website https://www.cassini.eu/spacecamps/, we will keep the browser history of your visit for a maximum of twelve months. This information will then be deleted.

Cookies are stored by the European Commission and its authorised processors or service providers acting on its behalf.

Enabling these cookies is not strictly necessary for the website to work but it will provide you with a better browsing experience. You can delete or block these cookies, but if you do that, some features of the website may not work as intended.

The cookie-related information is not used to identify data subjects personally and the pattern data is fully under the Commission's control. These cookies are not used for any purpose other than those described here.

Should you wish to opt your personal data out of our anonymised, aggregated statistics, you can do so on our cookies page. In particular, you can control and/or delete those cookies as you wish.

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

The CASSINI Space Camps website may include links to third-party websites or social media channels. When you click on such links, you leave the CASSINI Space Camps website and the processing of personal data by those third-party websites is governed by their own privacy policies and cookie policies.

International transfers

Personal data processed in relation to the CASSINI Space Camps website will not be transferred to third countries outside the European Union or the European Economic Area. Where any future processing activity would involve a transfer of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, such transfer would only take place if authorised by the Data Controller and in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, including the applicable safeguards for international transfers.

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.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients. The further processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

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 have consented to provide your personal data to DEFIS D.3 for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the Data Controller. The withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

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, European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, Unit D3, e-mail: DEFIS-C3@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-39468.1