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COST Data Protection Policy (27 May 2008)

Introduction

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For any request or further information please contact:

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Confidentiality and security

Any information which is provided by you will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality.

We take appropriate security measures to protect against unauthorised access to or unauthorised alteration, disclosure or destruction of data. These include internal reviews of our data collection, storage and processing practices and security measures.

Recipients and purposes of the processing

We restrict direct access to personal data to the COST Office and ESF members of staff working in Brussels, Ostend and Strasbourg, to the COST Grant Holders, and where relevant to the European Commission, in order to operate the COST activities. These individuals are bound by confidentiality obligations and may be subject to discipline, including termination and criminal prosecution, if they fail to meet these obligations.

We process personal information only for the purposes for which it was collected and in accordance with this Policy. The data will, under no circumstances, be used for commercial purposes.

We review our data collection, storage and processing practices to ensure that we only collect, store and process the personal information needed to provide or improve our services.

Right of access to and right to rectify the data

You have a right to access your personal data either to correct it if it is inaccurate or to ask for deletion of such data if it is not otherwise required to be retained by law or for legitimate business purposes.

If at any time after giving us personal information you decide that you no longer wish us to hold or use this information, or in the case that the information becomes out of date, you are free to notify us, and we will remove or rectify the information within a reasonable time and in accordance with legislative requirements. We may decline to process requests that are unreasonably repetitive or systematic, or if they put at risk the privacy of others, or for which access is not otherwise required.

Amendments

The COST Office reserves the right in its sole discretion to amend this Policy at any time, and you should regularly check this privacy policy for any amendments and always refer to the latest available version.





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