

DATA PROTECTION NOTIFICATION

Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT

EU's General Data Protection Regulation
(2016/679), Articles 13 and 14

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4. Purpose of data processing

The purpose of the data processing is doing research to understand the perceptions that various stakeholders (policy makers, politicians, citizens, experts and migrants) have about sea level rise and adaptation to sea level rise. Through this, the purpose is to be able to offer better policy and service for the adaption to sea level rise. The data processing will include interviewing various stakeholder groups (citizens in local areas influenced by sea level rise, climate migrants, local and national level policy makers and experts on sea level rise) We will also conduct a survey among policy makers and local students.

The following information will be gathered: the interviewees' places of residence, educational background, age, gender, family status, home ownership status, occupation, country of origin, political party membership (in the case of policy maker interviews and survey) and voice recordings.

The research concerns processing of special categories of personal data and this will be taken into consideration during the project. The participants' explicit consent for the processing of the personal data in question will be obtained.

Racial or ethnic origin will not be asked for but life and migration histories might reveal this in some cases. These categories will not be used in the publications. OneDrive will not be used to process special categories of personal data.

Legal basis of data processing

The processing of participant's data is necessary on the grounds of the performance of a task carried out in the public interest under Article 6(1)(d) and for scientific and historical research purposes under Article 9(2)(j) of EU's General Data Protection Regulation.

5. Content of data filing system and storage period

The data is stored on password protected university computers. The interview data recordings are deleted immediately once they are transcribed. During transcription the data is also pseudonymised. The pseudonymised transcriptions will be stored for 5 years after the project has ended and it way that makes it impossible to retrieve afterwards. The support of LUT it-support team will be solicited in this. Quantitative data on policy makers' and students' opinions will only be collected without names of the participants.

6. Information systems employed

Interview data will be processed in qualitative software programme Nvivo and in Microsoft Words. Data will not be processed on Teams or OneDrive. A survey tool will be employed to conduct the online survey, in accordance with LUT software licenses.

7. Data sources

Data will be gathered through interviews with citizens in local areas influenced by sea level rise, climate migrants, local and national level policy makers and experts on sea level rise. The data will be collected in the Netherlands, the UK, Finland and Italy. Interviews will be recorded by using audio recorders that are purchased for this project.

Data will also be gathered through a survey, conducted online among local and national level policy makers and local students. The survey will investigate the perceptions and opinions about sea level rise and adaption to sea level rise.

Data will also be collected through a media analysis. This will include an online search for articles about sea level rise in the Netherlands, UK, Finland and Italy.

Data will also be collected from article data based (such as Web of Knowledge and Web of Science) to conducted a systematic literature review.

External data bases will not be used to collect personal data.

8. Use of cookies

Browser-based data filing systems employ cookies to process personal data. A cookie is a small text file that the browser saves on the user's device. Cookies are used to implement services, facilitate login, and enable the compilation of statistics on services. Users may prevent the use of cookies in their browser programmes, but this may prevent the system from operating correctly.

No cookies are used in the processing of personal data.

9. Data transfer and disclosure

The data will be gathered by the researchers in the project (not outsourced). Interview data will be transferred from the audio recorded onto a password protected university computer and LUT internal network drives. After this the data will be transcribed by the researcher working

and in some cases third-party transcription services. Once the interviews are transcribed the original audio files will be deleted. Only pseudonymised transcriptions will be shared within the research group.

Besides LUT there are no other data controllers or joint controllers.

10. Data transfer and disclosure beyond the EU or EEA

During the project, data will be transmitted between the UK and Finland. The European Commission has issued an adequacy decision for the UK, according to which there is an adequate level of personal data protection in the UK, and data from the EU may be transferred to the UK based on the adequacy decision.

The project will take notice that the UK has a different data protection system than the EU. Although the current system is highly similar to the EU GDPR we will keep this difference in mind and keep aware if there any changes in the system in the future that need to be considered.

11. Safeguards for data processing

Data will be only be processed by the researchers working on the project.

Data will be saved on password protected computers and only pseudonymised data will be stored. Original audio files will be deleted in a way that makes it impossible to restore them.

12. Automated decision-making

No automated decision-making will be used.

13. Rights of the data subject

Data subjects have the right to withdraw their consent if the data processing is based on consent.

Data subjects have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman if the subjects consider that the data processing regarding them is in breach of data processing legislation in force.

Data subjects have the following rights under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation:

- a) Right of access to data concerning the data subject (article 15)
- b) Right to rectification of data (article 16)
- c) Right to erasure of data (article 17). The right to erasure shall not apply if the processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes if the right to erasure prevents or significantly hinders the data processing
- d) Right to restriction of processing (article 18)
- e) Right to data portability to another data controller (article 20).
- f) Right to object (article 21).

Data subject's rights under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation do not automatically apply to all data processing.

The liaison in matters related to the data subject's rights is the data protection officer; contact details in section 3.