# Data Protection Notice

## Science Diplomacy Hub

**About this Data Protection Notice**

Please read this Data Protection Notice in full before you use the Science Diplomacy Hub (the Hub). Using the Hub means that you accept the terms of this Data Protection Notice. We reserve the right to update this Notice.

The CUSP project[1] maintains this website to provide a virtual European Science Diplomacy Platform. The goal of the Platform is to enable a regular exchange between scientists and diplomats, and all relevant stakeholders and professions working at the interface of science and diplomacy.

CUSP is committed to respect privacy of each user and comply with applicable laws on data protection and privacy. Processing of user's personal data is governed by these terms, by the relevant provisions of EU legislation on data protection, including the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the relevant local legislation, including decisions, guidelines, and regulations.

To access and use the Hub, you are required to create an account and provide personal information.

**1. Who is responsible for your data**

The CUSP partners listed in the Joint Data Controller Agreement (JDCA) are joint controllers of the personal data processed on the CUSP European Science Diplomacy Platform, within the meaning of Article 26 GDPR. ZSI (Centre for Social Innovation), as project coordinator, is the primary point of contact for data subjects under the JDCA. The essence of the JDCA, including how responsibilities are allocated among the partners, is available on request from the contact below.

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Controller and primary contact: ZSI, Centre for Social Innovation, Linke Wienzeile 246, 1150 Vienna, Austria.

For CUSP related data protection affairs please contact: contact@cusp-project.eu

Data Protection Officer at ZSI: Stefanie Schürz, dpo@zsi.at

Platform: hub.science-diplomacy.eu | Project website: cusp-project.eu

## 2. What data we collect

When you register, we collect your title, name, email address, city and country of residence, nationality, highest academic degree, field of research/study, current sector of employment, institutional affiliation and current position, career stage, gender, language, area of expertise and optional profile information such as biographical details and professional interests.

When you participate in any of our calls or surveys, we also collect the personal data you provide as part of your submission or response.

## 3. Cookies

The Science Diplomacy Hub platform uses only cookies that are strictly necessary for the operation of the service, such as session cookies used to keep you logged in and to ensure the security of your account. These cookies do not track your browsing activity and are not used for advertising or profiling purposes. The platform does not use cookies to monitor the audience. Audience measurement is performed with Plausible Analytics, a cookieless tool that does not store any personal data and produces only aggregated, anonymous statistics. No third-party advertising or tracking cookies (such as Google Analytics) are placed on your device. As only strictly necessary cookies are used, no cookie consent banner is required.

## 4. Hosting Provider

OVH SAS, RCS Roubaix Tourcoing 424 761 419, 2 rue Kellermann, 59100 Roubaix, France.

Some services of the Science Diplomacy Hub (file storage and email delivery) are provided by Scaleway SAS, RCS Paris 433 115 904, 8 rue de la Ville l'Évêque, 75008 Paris, France. All data is hosted in data centres located in France.

## 5. Why and on what basis we process your data

We process your data to operate your platform account, enable the platform's networking functionality, and support the objectives of the CUSP project. Your personal data is processed on the basis of your consent in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, provided when you register.

## 6. Who can see your data

Your profile is visible to other registered members of the platform, as part of its networking functionality and on the basis of the consent you give at registration.

Within the CUSP consortium, access to your profile data is limited to ZSI, as project coordinator, and ENRICH GLOBAL, as technical host and operator of the Hub on its platform. ENRICH GLOBAL processes your data on our behalf as a processor, under a data processing agreement concluded with ZSI.

If you participate in any of our calls or surveys and provide personal data as part of your submission, we will collect and process this information solely for purposes related to the CUSP project. Your personal data will only be accessible to and processed by the official CUSP project partners involved in the respective activity.

We do not share your data with any other partner or third party beyond what is described in this notice.

## 7. International transfers

Where your data is transferred outside the European Economic Area, this takes place on the basis of an adequacy decision of the European Commission or, where no such decision applies, standard contractual clauses.

## 8. How long we keep your data

ENRICH GLOBAL is committed to keeping the platform operational for at least five years after the end of the project in May 2029. After this period, your data will either be migrated to a successor structure or deleted, in line with your rights as a data subject.

ZSI retains a copy of anonymised, aggregate statistics beyond this point; this aggregate data does not identify you.

You can delete your account and request erasure of your data at any time, using either the "Close my account" feature or contact contact@cusp-project.eu.

## 9. Your rights

Under the GDPR, you have the right to:

- access the personal data we hold about you;
- rectify inaccurate data;
- erase your data ('right to be forgotten');
- restrict or object to processing;
- receive your data in a portable format;
- withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal; and

- lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular the authority of the EU Member State where you live, work, or where the alleged infringement occurred.

To exercise any of these rights, contact us using the details in Section 1.

### 10. Is providing your data required?

Registration is entirely voluntary. If you choose not to provide the requested information, you will not be able to create a platform account or use its networking functionality.

### 11. Automated decision making

We do not use your data for automated decision making or profiling that produces legal effects or similarly significantly affects you.

### 12. Changes to this notice

This is a living document and may be updated as the platform or the project evolves. The current version is dated 30 October 2026. Any material changes will be communicated to registered members.

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