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Introduction

Water-ForCE CSA

Water-ForCE is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded by EU's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme that will bring together experts on water quality and quantity, in policy, research, engineering and service sectors to **develop a Roadmap for Copernicus water services**. The Roadmap will provide a user and stakeholder driven concept for water services (water quantity, water quality, hydrological parameters, ice, snow, etc.) by assessing the



existing and emerging needs, the opportunities presented by the current and future technical capabilities of satellite and in situ sensors, and addressing the current disconnects between remote sensing, in situ observations and modelling communities.

Critically, the Roadmap will deliver the clarity required in relation to the needs and expectations of the core Copernicus mission by the public and private sectors and the wider research and business innovation opportunities.

Personal Data in Water-ForCE

The H2020 Coordination and Support Action (CSA) Water scenarios For Copernicus Exploitation (hereinafter “Project”, “Action”, “Water-ForCE”, or “Consortium”), is committed to ensure the security and privacy of your Personal Data. As a Controller, the Consortium takes its responsibility regarding the security and privacy of Personal Data very seriously and will be transparent about the type of data it collects and how it is being processed.

Under Art. 5 of GDPR (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (*Principles relating to processing of Personal Data*), the Processing of the Personal Data carried out by the Consortium for the implementation and execution of the Action will be based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, purpose limitation, data minimisation, accuracy, storage limitation, integrity and accountability.

Please read the following Privacy Policy that explains the reason for the processing of your Personal Data, the way we collect, process and safeguard all Personal Data provided by you; how this information is used and what rights you have in relation to your Personal Data



Data Controller and Data Processor

Under the GDPR (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the **Data Controller** is the party that, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data. The actual processing may be delegated to another party, called the Data Processor. The Controller is responsible for the lawfulness of the processing, for the protection of the data, and respecting the rights of the data subject. The Controller is also the entity that receives requests from data subjects to exercise their rights.

The **Data Processor** is defined as the party which processes personal data on behalf of the Controller; being **data processing** "*any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction*" (Article 4(2) GDPR, Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

The Data Controller and Data Processor will be the Consortium.

Personal Data Collection in Water-ForCE

We may ask you to provide us your Personal Data:

- First name
- Last name
- Organization
- e-mail,



which will be collected in the moment you register to any of our events or workshops or when you fill in the contact form in <https://waterforce.eu/contact>. We may also make this data public, after your explicit consent to do so, if you become part of one of our Expert Panel Lists. The Consortium will also process your Personal Data, that you will voluntarily provide to us, to post a comment or to send a message to the Consortium itself.

No Special Categories of Personal Data, as they are defined In Art 9.1 (GDPR), will be collected during the course of the Action.

Without prejudice to the above, we collect your Personal Data only with your explicit consent and only if it is necessary for the purposes of the Action.

Why we process your Personal Data

We will process your Personal Data exclusively within the purposes of achieving the objectives of the Water-ForCE CSA. Further information on the Project may be find at following URL: <https://waterforce.eu/>

Cookies

The web page of the Action use cookies.

We use cookies and similar tracking technologies to track the activity on our Service and hold certain information.

Cookies are small text files that are used to store small pieces of information. The cookies are stored on your device when the website is loaded on your browser. These cookies help us make the website function properly, make the website more secure, provide better user experience, and understand how the website performs and to analyse what works and where it needs improvement.



You can instruct your browser to refuse all cookies or to indicate when a cookie is being sent. However, if you do not accept cookies, you may not be able to use some portions of our website.

Like most of the online services, our website uses cookies first-party and third-party cookies for a number of purposes. The first-party cookies are mostly necessary for the website to function the right way, and they do not collect any of your personally identifiable data.

The third-party cookies used on our website are used mainly for understanding how the website performs, how you interact with our website, keeping our services secure, providing advertisements that are relevant to you, and all in all providing you with a better and improved user experience and help speed up your future interactions with our website.

Some examples of the Cookies we use:

Essential: some cookies are essential for you to be able to experience the full functionality of our site. They allow us to maintain user sessions and prevent any security threats. They do not collect or store any personal information.

Statistics: these cookies store information like the number of visitors to the website, the number of unique visitors, which pages of the website have been visited, the source of the visit etc. These data help us understand and analyse how well the website performs and where it needs improvement.

Functional: these are the cookies that help certain non-essential functionalities on our website. These functionalities include embedding content like videos or sharing contents on the website on social media platforms.

Preferences: these cookies help us store your settings and browsing preferences like language preferences so that you have a better and efficient experience on future visits to the website.

Your consent applies to the following domain: waterforce.eu.



Lawful basis

We process your Personal Data, as long as you, in your quality of Data Subject, has provided us with your Explicit Consent for the Processing of your Personal Data for one or more specific purposes such as participating in workshops or Working Groups; to be part of one of our Experts Lists, to provide feedback, to participate in surveys, to answer questionnaires or to disseminate the results of Water-ForCE.

We also may process your Personal Data if it is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the Data Controller is subject.

Additional lawful basis for the processing may be the Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and its annex.

Your Personal Data will not be used for any automated decision-making. We will not perform any data processing involving:

- profiling,
- systematic monitoring of individuals
- processing of large scale of special categories of data
- intrusive methods of data processing
- any other data processing operation that may result in high risk to the rights and freedoms of the participants.

For how long your Personal Data will be kept

Water-ForCE only keeps your Personal Data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of the Project and the data will be deleted when no longer needed for that purpose.



Personal Data Processing Security Measures

All processing is carried out in compliance with article 32 of the GDPR ("*Security of processing*"), by implementing appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk.

Technical measures: appropriate identification and safeguarding actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk of the processing and of the nature of the Personal Data.

Organisational measures: prevention of access to the Personal Data solely to authorised persons or third parties legitimated by the Data Controller for the purposes of processing, maintaining the duty of secrecy and data deletion.

Who may access to your Personal Data

Access to your Personal Data is provided to the Consortium who is responsible for carrying out this Processing operation and to authorised staff according to the 'need to know' principle. All staff with access to personal data are aware of their obligations in relation to such processing and have been informed of these obligations.

Your information may be subject to disclosure in order to comply with the law, a judicial proceeding, court order or other legal process or where we believe it is necessary to investigate, prevent or take action regarding illegal activities, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the safety of any person or as evidence in litigation in which we are involved.

We may share your information with our CRM Tool Service provider, Hubspot Ireland Ltd., which is located in Dublin, Ireland. We may also share your information with competent regulatory authorities for legitimate reason.



Your rights and how to exercise them

Pursuant to the GDPR, you have a number of rights concerning the Personal Data we hold about you. **If you wish to exercise any of these rights, please use the contact details set out in the "contact information" section of this Privacy Policy.**

The right to be informed. You have the right to be provided with concise, transparent, intelligible, easily accessible and easily understandable information about how we use your Personal Data. This information is provided to you in this Privacy Policy.

The right of access. You have the right to obtain access and receive a copy of your Personal Data, performing a securely disclosure.

The right to rectification. You are entitled to have your Personal Data rectified or completed if it is inaccurate or incomplete.

The right to erasure ("right to be forgotten"). You have the right to obtain from us the erasure of the Personal Data that we hold about you.

The right to restrict processing. You have rights to restrict or suppress certain further use of your Personal Data. When processing is restricted, we can still store your Personal Data, but will not use it further.

The right to data portability. You have the right to obtain your personal information in a safe, secure, accessible and transferrable format so that you can reuse it for your own purposes across different services.

The right to object You have the right to object the processing of your personal data at any time.

The right to withdraw consent. If you have given your consent to anything we do with your Personal Data (i.e. we rely on consent as a legal basis for processing your information), you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. You can do this by contacting us. Withdrawing consent will not however make unlawful our use of your information while consent had been apparent.



Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description in your request.

Your requests will be handled within a maximum of 20 working days.

Contact information

If you would like to exercise any of your above mentioned rights under GDPR, or if you have any 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 us in the following email addresses: info@waterforce.eu; andmeikaitse@ut.ee.

Changes

Where appropriate, we will notify you of any changes to this privacy policy.

