PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operations: Trans-Caspian Transport and Connectivity Investment Forum

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships,

Directorate Asia and Pacific, Unit Central Asia and Afghanistan (Unit C1)

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1. Introduction

The European 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 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.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the following event on 27 November, 2025: *Trans-Caspian Transport and Connectivity Investment Forum* undertaken by Directorate-General for International Partnership, Directorate Asia and Pacific, Unit Central Asia and Afghanistan (Unit C1). It explains 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 the processing of personal data linked to the Trans-Caspian Transport and Connectivity Investment Forum, organised by the services of the European Commission in partnership with the Government of Uzbekistan, is presented below.

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

<u>Purpose of the processing operation</u>: Directorate Asia and Pacific, Unit Central Asia and Afghanistan (Unit C1) collects and further processes your personal data to provide you with information about the event (before, during and after) and to process your application for participation in that event.

Audio-visual recording at the event of the speakers, organisers and participants, as well as photographs of the speakers and panoramic photographs of participants and organisers will be taken and published in the context of the event on the European Commission's website and different social media channels.

The audience or non-speaker participants are not photographed individually or in groups. They may however appear on panoramic photographs of the whole event/audience.

Participants that do not wish to be part of the above photographs and recording/publishing activities have the possibility to object to processing during the registration process and/or **by informing the below event functional mailbox.** Participants who do not wish to be photographed or filmed will use the designated areas where filming and photography will not take place.

Trans-Caspian Transport and Connectivity Investment Forum: TCTC COORDINATION PLATFORM EVENTS@dornier-group.com

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

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

The processing operations on personal data, linked to the organisation, management, follow-up and promotion of the event (including web-streaming, photos, audio-visual recording) are necessary for the management and functioning of the Commission, as mandated by the Treaties. Those provisions are in particular, Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 15 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Consequently, those

processing operations are lawful under Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (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 Union institution or body).

Your consent is required for:

may organise;

the sharing of the event participants list containing your name and affiliation among participants and/or organisers [organisers are the EU and the Government of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Transport and our contractors), in order to create working groups or related meetings to continue the collaborate work launched during the meeting/event;
I consent to the sharing of the event participants' list containing my contact details (first and last name, organisation) for the purpose of business to business (B2B)/business to government (B2G) meetings.
the processing of your personal data for inviting you to future events the data controller

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box(es) on the online registration form.

Your consent for these services can be withdrawn at any time:

- for withdrawing consent that you have provided in order to benefit from other services, please contact the controller of the event at the above-mentioned mailbox (page 2).

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

The following personal data will be processed:

• Mandatory contact details (function/title, first name, last name, name of organisation, country, e-mail address, passport/ID number, passport/ID date of issue; citizenship, profile photo).

The provision of personal data indicated as mandatory is necessary to meet a contractual requirement. If you do not provide your personal data, possible consequences are that you will not be able to register for the event or meeting.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The Data Controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing.

For each of the categories of personal data that is processed, please find below the retention details and the reference to the relevant record of processing:

All personal data related to the organisation and management of the event (this includes the information given during the registration, before, during or after the event)
will be deleted one year after the last action in relation to the event.
Sensitive personal data relating to dietary and/or access requirements will be deleted as soon as they are no longer necessary for the purpose for which they have been collected in the framework of the event, but no later than within 1 month after the end of the event.

Recordings from the web-streamed event will be kept for 2 years before being deleted.
More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00306 (Web-
streaming of Commission events).
In case of audio-visual recording of the event, the recordings will be kept for 3 months
after the event before being deleted. More information is available in the Record of
Processing DPR-EC-01937 (Audio-visual recording of meetings).
Personal data shared with the Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security of
the European Commission for the participants to gain access to Commission buildings is
kept for 6 months after the termination of the link between the data subject and the
Commission. More information is available in the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00655
(Commission Physical Access Control System (PACS)).
Personal data shared with the controller for future mailing purposes (e.g., for receiving
newsletters or invitations to similar events) are processed in line with the Record of
Processing DPR-EC-1063.
Selected service providers for organisational purposes (such as caterers, travel agents or
event management organisations) are contractually bound to process personal data on
behalf of and in line with the instructions of the data controller, keep confidential any
data they process and protect it from unauthorised access, use and retention.

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 on the servers of the European Commission and its contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to <u>Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2017/46</u> 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 personal data on behalf of the Commission, and by the confidentiality obligations deriving from the General Data Protection Regulation ('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. 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 other authorised Commission staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Where necessary, we may also share your information with service providers for the purposes of organising the event:

Service provider 1: DB/DornierDB Engineering & Consulting GmbH/ Dornier Consulting International GmbH (contractor of the European Commission) and Cumar GmbH (subcontractor of DB/Dornier)

Service provider 2: InterContinental Hotel Trilliant in Tashkent

Service provider 3: Event manager still to be recruited

Third party IT tools, including Social Media

We use third party IT tools to inform about and promote the event through widely used communication channels, including the social media. For detailed information about the use of social media by the European Commission, see the Record of Processing DPR-EC-00073 (Social Media Use by the European Commission).

You can watch our videos, which we also upload to our social media page and our website.

In order to protect your privacy, our use of third-party IT tools to connect to those services does not set cookies when our website pages are loaded on your computer (or other devices), nor are you immediately redirected to those social media or other websites. Only in the event that you click on a button or "play" on a video to watch it, a cookie of the social media company concerned will be installed on your device. If you do not click on any social media buttons or videos, no cookies will be installed on your device by third parties.

In order to view such third-party content on our websites, a message will alert you that you need to accept those third parties' specific Terms and Conditions, including their cookie policies, over which the Commission has no control.

We recommend that users read the relevant privacy policies of X/Instagram carefully before using them. These explain each company's policy of personal data collection and further processing, their use of data, users' rights and the ways in which users can protect their privacy when using those services.

The use of a third-party IT tool does not in any way imply that the European Commission endorses them or their privacy policies. In the event that one or more third party IT tools are occasionally unavailable, we accept no responsibility for lack of service due to their downtime.

International transfers

The controller will transfer your personal data (list of participants for the two events) to the following recipients in a third country or to an international organisation in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725: The Government of Uzbekistan, host and co-organiser of the two event (Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade).

In the absence of an adequacy decision from the European Commission recognising an adequate level of data protection to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and in the absence of standard contractual clauses for EU institutions, the data controller will transfer your personal data based on:

• The derogation provided for in Article 50(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 'the transfer is necessary for important reasons of public interest.

The main legal act governing processing and protection of personal data in Uzbekistan is the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. ZRU-547 "On Personal Data" ("Law on Personal Data"), adopted on 2 July 2019 and effective from 1 October 2019.

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) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on grounds relating to your particular situation.

You have consented to provide your personal data to the data controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the data controller by contacting the events functional mailboxes mentioned on page 2 (there is a mailbox for each of the two events). The withdrawal of your consent 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: Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, Directorate Asia and Pacific, Unit Central Asia and Afghanistan (Unit C1) [intpa-C1@ec.europa.eu].

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (<u>DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu</u>) 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 European Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register.

The personal data processing operations related to meetings and events is published in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-01063.