

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCIENTIFIC PANEL OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS IMPACTS

1. Background

The European Commission is setting up a scientific panel of independent experts on artificial intelligence (the 'scientific panel') and its impacts. The scientific panel will advise and support the European AI Office and national authorities (see Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454), particularly regarding the implementation and enforcement of the 'AI Act' (regulation (EU) 2024/1689) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence¹).

Article 68 of the AI Act establishes the scientific panel and outlines its composition. Its tasks include, in particular:

- (a) supporting the implementation and enforcement of the AI Act, as regards general-purpose AI (GPAI) models and systems, in particular by:
 - alerting the AI Office of possible systemic risks at Union level of general-purpose AI models, in accordance with Article 90;
 - contributing to the development of tools and methodologies for evaluating capabilities of GPAI models and systems, including through benchmarks;
 - providing advice on the classification of GPAI models with systemic risk;
 - providing advice on the classification of various GPAI models and systems;
 - contributing to the development of tools and templates;
- (b) supporting the work of market surveillance authorities, at their request;
- (c) supporting cross-border market surveillance activities as referred to in Article 74(11), without prejudice to the powers of market surveillance authorities;
- (d) supporting the AI Office in carrying out its duties in the context of the Union safeguard procedure pursuant to Article 81.

The Commission is calling for expression of interest with a view to selecting members of the scientific panel.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence and amending Regulations (EC) No 300/2008, (EU) No 167/2013, (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1139 and (EU) 2019/2144 and Directives 2014/90/EU, (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2020/1828 (Artificial Intelligence Act), OJ L, 2024/1689, 12.7.2024.

2. Features of the Group

Composition

The scientific panel shall be composed in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 68(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 and with the above Commission implementing regulation.

Given the entry into application of the rules on general-purpose AI models, this call seeks expertise supporting the implementation and enforcement of the AI Act, as regards general-purpose AI (GPAI) models and systems.

For each term of office referred to in Article 4 Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454, the number of experts is determined by the Commission, in consultation with the European Artificial Intelligence Board (the ‘Board’), and in this call for expression of interest it has been decided to be 60. Members shall be individuals appointed in a personal capacity. In compliance with the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454, Members shall be selected from highly qualified multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary experts, with a sufficient level of up-to-date scientific, socio-technical or technical expertise on different aspects related to AI, the impacts of AI, or otherwise relevant to the effective enforcement of the AI Act.

As set out in the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454, at least four-fifths of the experts of the scientific panel should be nationals from the Member States of the Union or from a member of the European Free Trade Association which is a member of the European Economic Area. However, EU citizenship is not a requirement, as nationals of non-EU countries can be appointed as experts. For the purpose of ensuring fair gender representation in accordance with Article 68(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, the Commission shall aim to ensure to the extent possible gender balance in the selection of experts.

For the purpose of ensuring fair geographical representation, the scientific panel shall be composed of at least one and no more than three nationals from each Member State of the Union, and each member of the European Free Trade Association which is a member of the European Economic Area, provided that there is a candidate from that country satisfying the criteria stipulated in this call, and provided that a sufficiently comprehensive coverage of relevant areas of expertise can be achieved that way.

Moreover, candidates shall be able to demonstrate independence from any provider of AI systems or general-purpose AI models, requiring that, at the time of expressing interest to the scientific panel, and throughout the term of office, the candidate shall not be an employee of, or in a contractual relationship with a provider of an AI system or general-purpose AI model. To demonstrate their independence, all candidates shall write a declaration of interests and commitments to act in the public interest, as detailed in Section 3.1 and Annex I, II of this call, indicating any interest which may compromise or may reasonably be perceived to compromise their independence, impartiality and objectivity, including any relevant circumstances relating to their close family members. Experts shall update their declarations of interest prior to the appointment to the scientific panel (or prior to inclusion in the reserve list) and whenever a change of circumstances requires it. The declaration of interests of selected members will be made publicly available on a dedicated Commission website.

2.1. Appointment

In accordance with Article 68(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, the Commission is responsible to undertake the selection of members of the scientific panel. Members shall be individuals appointed in a personal capacity and shall not delegate their responsibilities to any other person.

Experts shall be appointed as members of the scientific panel for a term of 24 months. They shall remain in office until the end of their term of office or until replaced. Their term of office may be renewed.

Experts who satisfy the criteria stipulated in this call, but who are not appointed to the scientific panel shall be included in a reserve list of available experts (the 'reserve list'), which shall be valid for the duration of the term of office of the panel.

Members who are no longer capable of contributing effectively to the group's deliberations, who no longer satisfy the independence requirements, who in the opinion of the Commission do not comply with the conditions set out in Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or who resign, may be dismissed by the Commission and shall no longer be invited to participate in any meetings or activities of the scientific panel. If an expert is dismissed during their term of office, a replacement for that expert shall be appointed by the Commission for the remainder of the term from the reserve list, or, where necessary, following a call for expression of interest. When appointing a replacement, the Commission shall aim to ensure continuity of expertise, geographic representation and gender balance.

3. Selection Criteria

3.1. Selection criteria

1. Experts shall be selected with regard to the need to ensure:
 - (a) multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary adequate and up-to-date scientific, technical, or sociotechnical expertise (detailed below) related to AI systems or general-purpose AI models, the impacts of artificial intelligence, or otherwise relevant to the effective enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, as appropriate;
 - (b) independence from any provider of the AI system or general-purpose AI model as set out in point (b) of Article 68(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689;
 - (c) impartiality and objectivity as set out in Article 68(4) of the AI Act;
 - (d) an ability to carry out activities diligently, accurately and objectively.

3.2. Expertise

Relevant expertise must be substantiated for at least one of the following areas:

- **Evaluation of GPAI model capabilities, propensities, and impacts:** benchmarking, adversarial testing (e.g., red teaming), human uplift studies, deployment evaluations, fundamental rights assessments, economic impact analysis, forecasting of AI capabilities and risks, etc.;
- **Risk assessment methodologies for AI and GPAI models:** risk identification, analysis, modelling, estimation and evaluation, risk taxonomies, safety cases, etc.;

- **GPAI technical risk mitigations and best practices:** safety fine-tuning, filters, guardrails, machine-readable marking and detection of AI generated and manipulated content such as watermarking, fingerprinting or combination of methods to enable the detection of synthetic content; data cleaning and pre-processing; GPAI-related risk-management policies and governance processes, scaling policies, incident response procedures, internal audits, deployment strategies, etc.;
- **Misuse and deployment systemic risks of GPAIs:** multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary domain expertise in (the intersection of GPAI with) chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) risks, harmful manipulation of populations, loss of control, discrimination and fairness, risks to public health, safety and security, risks to fundamental rights, risks to society; etc.
- **Cyber Offence systemic risk:** discovery and exploitation of GPAI for cyber-vulnerabilities and sensitive data, zero-day exploit generation, social engineering, autonomous cyber operations, supply chain compromise, critical infrastructure targeting, and scaling of attack capabilities for less sophisticated threat actors, **etc.;**
- **GPAI provider cybersecurity and information security:** prevention of accidental leakage, theft, or self-exfiltration of model weights, algorithms or data; unauthorised releases, circumvention of safety measures, etc;
- **Emergent systemic risks of GPAIs:** originating from model propensities (misalignment challenges, deceptive behaviours, mis-coordination or conflict with other AI models/systems); model affordances and contextual factors (e.g. loss of control and containment failures, lack of transparency); emergent capabilities (e.g. long horizon planning, self-replication; recursive self-improvement, etc.;
- **Compute measurements and thresholds:** methodologies for measuring compute used in model training, reporting frameworks for compute usage, verification protocols for compute claims, etc.;

Eligibility:

Educational background and professional experience;

- A PhD in a relevant area *OR* equivalent experience
- Professional experience and proven scientific impact on AI/GPAI research or the study of AI impacts.
- Candidates shall be able to demonstrate independence from any provider of AI systems or general-purpose AI models

4. Rules of engagement and operation of the scientific panel

4.1. The Secretariat

The AI Office and the Joint Research Centre of the Commission shall jointly provide the secretariat (the ‘Secretariat’) for the scientific panel, which shall be responsible for the support necessary for the efficient functioning of the scientific panel, and in particular:

- identify and manage potential conflicts of interest;
- monitor compliance with the rules of procedure referred to in Article 8 and compliance with the requests to carry out tasks according to Article 68(3) of the AI Act;

- process requests from the scientific panel for additional expertise;
- process requests from Member States for support by experts for the purpose of their enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 at national level.

4.2. Rules of Procedure

The scientific panel shall adopt its rules of procedure by simple majority of its members, on a proposal by and in agreement with the Secretariat. The rules of procedure for the scientific panel shall provide for, inter alia, procedures for carrying out the tasks of the expert panels as referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 68 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689. The scientific panel shall review the rules of procedure at least every two years and where necessary, update them. The rules of procedure shall be publicly available on a dedicated Commission website.

4.3. Remuneration

Experts shall be remunerated if they have been appointed as rapporteur or contributor for carrying out tasks of the scientific panel, in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission, where such tasks have been requested by the AI Office pursuant to Article 68(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689.

Travel and, where the Secretariat considers appropriate, subsistence expenses of experts in connection with the activities of the scientific panel shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission. Those expenses shall be reimbursed within the limits of the available appropriations allocated to the Commission departments under the annual procedure for the allocation of resources.

5. Transparency

The activities of the scientific panel shall be carried out in a transparent manner.

Exceptions to publication shall only be foreseen where it is deemed that disclosure of a document would undermine the protection of a public or private interest as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) N° 1049/2001.

The Secretariat shall, in particular, make available to the public on a dedicated Commission website, without undue delay:

- the names of the experts appointed or assigned to the scientific panel;
- the curriculum vitae and the declarations of interests, confidentiality and commitment of experts appointed or assigned to the scientific panel;
- the rules of procedure of the scientific panel referred to in Section 4.2 of this call;
- opinions or recommendations provided by the scientific panel, except where this would entail the disclosure of confidential business information, trade secrets or strategic interests of the Union;
- the participation and conclusions to thematic hearings.

5.4 Confidentiality

Members of the scientific panel are subject to the obligation of professional secrecy,

which by virtue of the Treaties and the rules implementing them, as well as to the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of Union classified information and sensitive non-classified information laid down in Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 and 2015/444. For that purpose, members of the scientific panel shall sign a declaration of confidentiality. Should the members of the scientific panel fail to respect these obligations, the Commission may take all appropriate measures.

5.5 Performance of tasks and preparation of documents

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, shall appoint members for the performance of tasks of the scientific panel on the basis of expertise, availability and other factors relevant for the efficient performance of the task in question. For recommendations, opinions or qualified alerts pursuant to Articles 68(3) and 90 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the scientific panel may appoint a rapporteur and one or more contributors.

In agreement with the Secretariat, the scientific panel may conduct thematic hearings with external stakeholders to gather evidence for the preparation of its recommendation, opinion or qualified alert. The conclusions of such hearings shall be made publicly available on the Commission website.

5.6 Overall operation of the scientific panel

Members of the scientific panel should be prepared to attend meetings systematically, to contribute actively to discussions in the panel, to be involved in preparatory work ahead of meetings, to examine and provide comments on documents under discussion. Members of the scientific panel shall respond to requests and other communications from the Chair and from the Secretariat. They shall dedicate the necessary effort to complete the assigned tasks to the best of their ability and within the timelines as described in the rules of procedure referred to in Section 4.2 of this call.

As a general rule, working documents will be drafted in English and meetings will be also conducted in English.

6. Application Procedure

Interested individuals are invited to submit their application to the European Commission by following the instructions on the website: [Press corner | European Commission](#)

Applications must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union. However, applications in English would facilitate the evaluation procedure. If another language is used, it would be helpful to include a summary of the application in English.

An application will be deemed admissible only if it is sent by the set deadline and includes the elements referred to below:

- the applicant's motivation for answering this call and stating what contribution the applicant could make to the scientific panel (maximum two pages);
- A declaration of interests (DOI) using the standard DOI form annexed to this call. Candidates must disclose therein any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest. Submission of a duly completed DOI form is necessary in order to be eligible to be appointed in a personal capacity. Additional supporting documents

may be requested at a later stage;

- A *curriculum vitae* (CV), preferably not exceeding four pages;
- Supporting documents may include statements issued by a public authority of a Member State of the Union or of the European Free Trade Association which is a member of the European Economic Area, attesting the candidates' scientific expertise;

Additional supporting documents (e.g., publications) may be requested by the Commission at a later stage.

Deadline for application

Expressions of interest shall be submitted by Sunday, 14 September 2025, 18:00 CET, via this [Survey](#). In case of questions, interested parties are encouraged to reach out for further information to the Commission through the email address: EU-AI-SCIENTIFIC-PANEL@ec.europa.eu.

7. Protection of personal data

The Commission ensures that applicants' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies. For more detailed information on the scope, purposes and means of the processing of their personal data in the context of this call, applicants are invited to consult the specific privacy statement, which is attached to this call (Annex III) and available in the [Survey](#) for submission.

ANNEXES:

- Annex I: Standard declaration of interests
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ANNEX I

Declaration of interests (DOI) form for individuals applying to be appointed as members of the scientific panel in a personal capacity

Legal basis:

Article 68 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence and amending Regulations (EC) No 300/2008, (EU) No 167/2013, (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1139 and (EU) 2019/2144 and Directives 2014/90/EU, (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2020/1828 (Artificial Intelligence Act) (Text with EEA relevance).

Definitions:

"Conflict of interest" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the scientific panel.

"Close family member" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"Legal entity" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"Body" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please provide details on relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not do so, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, your application to be appointed as a member of the scientific panel in a personal capacity shall be rejected.

First name:

Family name:

1 EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANCY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

	<i>Within the past 5 years, were you employed or have you had any other professional relationship with a natural or legal entity, or held any non-remunerated post in a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the scientific panel?</i>	yes	no
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1a	Employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	Consultancy, including services as an advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c	Non-remunerated post	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d	Legal representation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of entity or body	Description

2 MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGING BODY, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODY OR EQUIVALENT STRUCTURE

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you participated in the internal decision-making of a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the scientific panel or have you participated in the works of a Scientific Advisory Body with voting rights on the outputs of that entity?</i>	yes	no
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2a	Participation in a decision-making process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2b	Participation in the work of a Scientific Advisory Body	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

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3 RESEARCH SUPPORT

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you, or the research entity to which you belong, received any support from a legal entity or other body with an interest in the field of activity of the scientific panel?</i>	yes	no
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3a	Research support, including grants, rents, sponsorships, fellowships, non-monetary support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

4 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

	<i>Do you have current investments in a legal entity with an interest in the field of activity of the scientific panel, including holding of stocks and shares, and which amounts to more than 10,000 EUR per legal entity or entitling you to a voting right of 5% or more in such legal entity?</i>	yes	no
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4a	Shares	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4b	Other stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Investment	Name of legal entity	Description

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5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

	<i>Do you have any intellectual property rights that might be affected by the outcome of the work carried out by the scientific panel?</i>	yes	no
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5a	Patent, trademarks, or copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5b	Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Intellectual property	Description

6 PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND POSITIONS

	<i>Within the past 5 years, have you provided any expert opinion or testimony in the field of activity of the scientific panel, for a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process? Have you held an office or other position, paid or unpaid, where you represented interests or defended an opinion in the field of activity of the scientific panel?</i>	Yes	no
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6a	For a legal entity or other body as part of a regulatory, legislative or judicial process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6b	Represented interests or defended an opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

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7 INTERESTS OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS **yes** **no**

7a	To your knowledge, are there any interests of your close family members which could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the scientific panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Interests	Time period (from... until month/year)	Name of legal entity or body	Description

7b	If interests of your close family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in the DOI and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to the guidance for filling in this DOI, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.
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8 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION **yes** **no**

8a	Are there any other elements that could be seen as undermining your independence when providing advice to the Commission in the field of activity of the scientific panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Description:

I hereby declare on my honour that I have read the guidance for completing this form.

I also declare on my honour that the information disclosed in this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Should there be any change to the above information, including as regards upcoming activities, I will promptly notify the competent Commission department and complete a new DOI form describing the changes in question.

I am informed that my personal data are stored, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725⁴.

I have been provided with the corresponding privacy statement which provides further information on how the Commission processes my personal data.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

If you are appointed as member of the scientific panel in a personal capacity, your DOI form shall be made publicly available on the website of the Commission.. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 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.

Annex II

Guidance for filling in the declaration of interests (DOI) form by individuals applying to be appointed as members of the scientific panel in a personal capacity

Individuals appointed as members of the scientific panel in a personal capacity are due to act independently and in the public interest in accordance with Articles 10 and 11 of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454. In order to ensure the highest integrity of experts, you are requested to duly complete the DOI form. You are required to disclose any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, i.e. any situation where your interests may compromise or may reasonably be perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in providing advice to the Commission, in relation to the subject of the work performed by the scientific panel. In particular, you must disclose in this DOI form any relevant professional and financial interests.

You must also declare relevant interests of your close family members. If interests of your close family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in this DOI form and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to this guidance, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the Commission.

Please submit the completed DOI form to the competent Commission department, together with your CV and your motivation letter, as part of your application to become member of the scientific panel in a personal capacity. If there is any change concerning the information provided in the form, including on upcoming activities, you must promptly inform the competent Commission departments by completing a new DOI form which describes the changes in question.

Please note that having a declared interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest. Answering "Yes" to a question on this DOI form does not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation in the scientific panel. The competent Commission departments will review your answers and determine whether a conflict of interest relevant to the subject at hand exists.

Where the competent Commission departments conclude that no conflict of interest exists, you are eligible to be appointed in a personal capacity. Where the competent Commission departments conclude that your interests may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the expert group or sub-group in question, they shall take one of the following measures to deal with the conflict of interest detected, depending on the specific circumstances:

- You shall not be appointed in a personal capacity to the scientific panel; in such case the competent Commission department shall inform you about the outcome of the conflict of interest assessment performed;
- You shall be appointed as member of the scientific panel with a number of specific restrictions: you may be excluded from certain meetings and/or activities carried out by the panel, such as drafting opinions or recommendations; you may also be required to abstain from discussing certain agenda items and/or from any vote on

those items;

Your DOI form shall be made publicly available on a Commission website, as long as you are appointed as member of the scientific panel in a personal capacity. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.

If you decline to complete a DOI form, you are not eligible to be appointed as a member of the scientific panel in a personal capacity.

Personal data shall be stored, processed and published by the Commission in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725⁵.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 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 entities.



Annex III

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

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

Processing operation: Selection of the independent experts of the Scientific Panel

Data Controller: European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (Connect), Artificial Intelligence Office, Unit A.3 (CNECT A.3)

Record reference: DPR-EC-29873

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protecting your personal data and to respecting your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 23 October 2018, 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 (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, 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.

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

Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 13 June 2024, laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence and amending Regulations (EC) No 300/2008, (EU) No 167/2013, (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1139 and (EU) 2019/2144 and Directives 2014/90/EU, (EU) 2016/797 and (EU) 2020/1828 (hereinafter the “**AI Act**”) calls for the creation of a Scientific panel of independent experts (hereinafter the “**Panel**”) intended to support the enforcement activities of the AI Office under the AI Act.

The Panel consists of independent experts selected by the Commission on the basis of their up-to-date scientific or technical expertise in the field of AI necessary for the tasks entrusted to the Panel. For that reason, members of the Panel should demonstrate meeting all of the following conditions:

1. having particular expertise and competence and scientific or technical expertise in the field of AI;
2. independence from any provider of AI systems or general-purpose AI models;
3. an ability to carry out activities diligently, accurately and objectively.

In addition, members of the Panel should perform their tasks with impartiality and objectivity, and shall ensure the confidentiality of information and data obtained in carrying out their tasks and activities.

This privacy statement covers all processing activities conducted by the AI Office in order to select and appoint independent experts to the Panel. It covers:

- the processing of your personal data linked to your expression of interest via EU Survey²;
- the analysis of your personal data provided in your application, as well as checks run by the AI Office on publicly available information (such as publications), in particular in order to analyse potential conflicts of interests;
- the processing of personal data related to the outcome of the selection process:
 - if appointed to the Panel, the publication on <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/publication/b1060f25-9232-97d9-a86f-7116e9527861> of:
 - your name; .
 - your CV;
 - your declarations of interests, confidentiality and commitment;
 - if selected, but not appointed: your inclusion in a reserve list valid for the duration of the term of office of the Panel.

This record also covers the publication of personal data of “close family members” ⁽³⁾ of the independent experts as requested by the declaration of interest form. It is the responsibility of the applicant to inform their “close family members” of the processing of personal data.

More information on the selection criteria and the application procedure are available in the Call for expression of interest.

Your personal data is not used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

² For more information related to the processing via EU Survey, please see data protection record DPR-EC-01488 “EU Survey”.

⁽³⁾ Namely the applicant’s spouse, children and parents. “Spouse” includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. “Children” means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

4. **On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data**

The AI Office processes your personal data on the basis of Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, namely because 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, and on the basis of Article 5(1)(b) of said Regulation, because processing is also necessary to comply with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject. The underlying Union law are:

- [Article 68 AI Act](#), in particular paragraphs 2, 4 and 5, read in light of Recital 151 AI Act;
- Articles 3 and 12 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/454](#), of 7 March 2025, laying down the rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the establishment of a scientific panel of independent experts in the field of artificial intelligence.

The documents (in particular the declaration of interest) and personal data to be processed and published enable the Commission to ensure the experts' independence in providing advice to it, which serves the public interest. In addition, these public disclosures allow for public scrutiny of the interests declared by these experts, which is necessary in order to ensure public confidence in the independence of these experts. These public disclosures also ensure a high degree of transparency with respect to the membership of the Panel and aim at contributing to fostering the integrity of the experts in question.

5. **Which personal data do we collect and further process?**

CNECT A.3 processes the following categories of personal data:

- **Applicants:**
 - Contact details: email, phone number;
 - Sex;
 - Nationality;
 - Identity details (first name and surname, professional title)
 - Relevant expertise in one of the areas mentioned in the Call;
 - Signature;
 - Declaration of commitment as per Article 11 of the IA Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/454;
 - Declaration of interest:
 - First name;
 - Family name;
 - Employment consultancy and legal representation data (activity; time period; name of entity or body, etc.);
 - Membership of managing body, scientific advisory or equivalent structure (activity; time period; name of entity or body, etc.);
 - Research support ((activity; time period; name of entity or body, etc.);
 - Financial interests (shares and other stocks);
 - Intellectual property interests (patents, etc.);
 - Public statements and positions (expert opinions, testimony), etc.
 - Interests of close family members;
 - Other relevant information:
 - Declaration of confidentiality;
 - CVs;
 - Applicant's motivation;

- Supporting documents, such as statements issued by a public authority of a Member State of the Union or of the European Free Trade Association which is a member of the European Economic Area, attesting the candidates' scientific expertise
- Additional supporting documents requested by the Commission after the submission of applications (e.g. publications).
- **Close family members:** personal data provided by the applicant in the declaration of interest form.

Source of personal data:

- for applicants: the AI Office obtained your personal data from you, or because you have made them publicly available;
- for close family members of appointed independent experts: the AI Office obtained your personal data from your close family member who answered to the Call for expression of interest for independent experts of the Scientific Panel.

The provision of personal data is mandatory for your application to be considered.

6. **How long do we keep your personal data?**

CNECT A.3 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing, namely for the duration of the term of office of the Panel.

7. **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 either on the servers of the Commission. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#), of 10 January 2017, on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. 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.

8. **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 authorised staff according to the “need to know” principle (AI Office staff members). Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

In addition, the names of the experts appointed to the scientific panel, their curriculum vitae and their declarations of interests, confidentiality and commitment are published <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/publication/b1060f25-9232-97d9-a86f-7116e9527861>, where they are visible to any visitor of that website. The declaration of interest can include personal data of their close family members.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of the Regulation, 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 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.

9. 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 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.

10. 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 at EU-AI-SCIENTIFIC-PANEL@ec.europa.eu.

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) 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.

11. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-29873.