

**Privacy statement on the protection of personal data in relation to the CASSINI Matchmaking Website including newsletter**

The European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. All personal data are dealt with in compliance with the applicable rules 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 (currently Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the CASSINI Matchmaking website. 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.

**Identity of controller and data protection officer:**

Controller: European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), Head of the Market, Downstream & Innovation Department, [entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu](mailto:entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu).

DPO: European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), Data Protection Officer, [dpo@euspa.europa.eu](mailto:dpo@euspa.europa.eu)

**Purpose(s) of processing:**

- To provide data subjects access to and use of the CASSINI Matchmaking website: <https://www.cassini.eu/matchmaking> and to improve their experience on the website;
- To enable data subjects to contact the CASSINI Matchmaking team through an embedded website contact form and enable us to contact data subjects for the purpose of responding to contact form submissions;
- To manage subscriptions to newsletters and communications related to the CASSINI initiative and its actions as implemented by the data controller.

**Data/Categories of data concerned:**

Personal data obtained from the data subject through use of the CASSINI Matchmaking website:

- IP Address and/or device ID of device used to access the website

Personal data obtained from the data subject through use of the embedded website contact form:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
- IP Address and/or device ID of device used to access the website
- Any personally or professionally identifiable information contained in the message to us

Personal data obtained from the data subject when signing up for a newsletter:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Email Address
- IP Address and/or device ID of device used to access the website

We obtain this personal data from the data subject.

The website may collect personal data with cookies for the basic technical functioning of the website (necessary cookies), or for gathering statistics (statistics cookies) – the latter based on your consent. When you access the CASSINI Matchmaking website, the Data Controller receives as an essential technical requirement the Internet Protocol address (IP address) or the device ID of the device used to access the website. The use of these cookies is covered by the cookie policy which is available in the footer of any page of the website: <https://www.cassini.eu/matchmaking/cookie-policy>.

The website may also contain personal data in the form of photos and videos collected at events. The processing of personal data collected in the context of events, and other related publication activities, is covered by the privacy notice for our Matchmaking Platform, available in the footer of this website.

**Recipients/Categories of recipients of the data processed:**

Access to personal data is granted on a “need to know” basis to:

- A limited number of EUSPA staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation;
- A limited number of Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG-DEFIS) staff involved in the CASSINI Matchmaking action;
- EUSPA engages as data processors the following external contractors which are bound by personal data protection rules equal to those applying to EUSPA:
  - A limited number of staff of the EUSPA contractors in charge of the CASSINI Matchmaking: SpaceTec Partners GmbH (Germany), SpaceTec Partners SRL (Belgium), Verhaert New Products & Services NV (Belgium) and Starburst Accelerator SA (France); Your personal data will also be processed by the following sub-processor on their behalf:
  - Mailerlite Limited (Ireland) which enables the creation and management of email campaigns, surveys and forms used for communication, registration and feedback purposes;
  - A limited number of staff of the EUSPA contractors in charge of its market development services and those involved in the CASSINI Matchmaking action..

Any recipient shall be reminded of his/her obligation not to use the data received for other purposes than the one for which they were transmitted.

**Legal basis/Lawfulness of the processing:**

- (i) Access to the website/cookies: We process your personal data, because processing is necessary (a) 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 (Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725) (i.a., Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union), (b) because you have given consent to the processing of your personal data to store for gathering statistics (statistics cookies) via a clear affirmative act. Your consent for this can be withdrawn at any time by following the instructions in the cookie policy page.
  - (ii) Contact form: The personal data of the data subject is processed to facilitate actions requested by the data subject, specifically for the purpose of contacting the CASSINI Matchmaking team through the website contact form. This processing is based on the consent of the data subject for this specific purpose, in accordance with Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 and you can choose to contact the CASSINI Matchmaking team through the website. We will process your personal data for these purposes only if you have given your consent by completing the appropriate form(s) and ticking the associated consent checkbox(es) on the CASSINI Matchmaking Website: <https://www.cassini.eu/matchmaking/>
- (ii) Newsletter: Processing is based on the consent of the data subject (Art. 5(1)(d) of Regulation 2018/1725). You can choose to subscribe, in order to receive information on important developments, activities, events, initiatives or thematic issues in the context of the CASSINI Matchmaking Initiative. We will process your personal data only if you have given your consent to the processing of your personal data for the purpose of receiving the requested information by completing the appropriate form(s) and ticking the associated consent checkbox(es) on the CASSINI Matchmaking Website: <https://www.cassini.eu/matchmaking/>.

**Information on the storage locations and retention period of personal data:**

The Data Controller retains the data subject's personal data for a time period necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection:

- IP addresses or Device IDs related to website visits can be saved for up to 12 months in the log files for security or traffic analysis purposes;
- The Data Controller keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection: Personal data related to contact form submissions will be kept for a five years period which starts running from the date of expiry of the Contract in February 2028, in line with the audit requirements as contractually defined between the contractors in charge of the CASSINI Matchmaking and EUSPA.
- The Data Controller keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection: In case the CASSINI Matchmaking or its website are permanently discontinued, all data will be pseudonymised will be kept for a five years period which starts running from the date of expiry of the Contract in February 2028, in line with the audit requirements as contractually defined between the contractors in charge of the CASSINI Matchmaking and EUSPA.
- The Data Controller keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection, more specifically until you unsubscribe from the mailing list. You can unsubscribe by following the instructions provided in any email. Appropriate action shall be taken within a week of receiving the request to unsubscribe. Should you not unsubscribe from the mailing list, the data collected for the specific purpose of registering to receive newsletters will be kept for a five years period which starts running from the date of expiry of the Contract February 2028, in line with the audit requirements as contractually defined between the contractors in charge of the CASSINI Matchmaking and EUSPA;

Once the retention period is over, personal data is destroyed.

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of EUSPA or of its contractors located in the European Union/EEA and abiding by the necessary security provisions.

To protect personal data EUSPA has implemented a variety of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risks of data loss, data alteration, or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risks presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to personal data to authorised individuals with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

EUSPA's processors (contractors) are bound by specific contractual clauses for confidentiality and for any processing operations of personal data on behalf of EUSPA. The processors are required to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security mandated by the controller, EUSPA.

**Transferring the data to third countries:**

Your data will not be transferred to third countries.

**Automated decision-making**

Your data will not be used for an automated decision-making, including profiling.

**Data subjects have the right:**

You have specific rights as a “data subject” under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right:

- To obtain confirmation as to whether or not your personal data are being processed, access the data and obtain detailed information on the processing;
- Of rectification of inaccurate personal data;
- Of erasure of personal data if the statutory provisions are met;
- Of restriction of processing if the statutory provisions are met;
- To withdraw the consent to personal data processing at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing before the consent’s withdrawal;
- To data portability if the statutory provisions are met;
- To lodge a complaint to the European Data Protection Supervisor at [EDPS@edps.europa.eu](mailto:EDPS@edps.europa.eu) should you consider that the processing operations do not comply with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

Any request for the exercise of any of the abovementioned rights shall be addressed to the EUSPA Market, Downstream & Innovation Department at [entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu](mailto:entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu); data subjects are kindly requested to describe their requests explicitly.

**Contact information:**

- 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: [entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu](mailto:entrepreneurship@euspa.europa.eu);
- Regarding the interpretation, application or breach of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, please contact the EUSPA Data Protection Officer (DPO) at [dpo@euspa.europa.eu](mailto:dpo@euspa.europa.eu).
- You have the right to have recourse (i.e., you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor ([EDPS@edps.europa.eu](mailto: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.