

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR MID-TERM EVALUATION OF HERCULE III PROGRAMME

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSING OPERATION

The European Union's Hercule Programmes promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union ("PIF"). The Hercule II programme was followed-up in 2014¹ by the Hercule III programme for the current multi-annual financial framework². The Programme has an annual budget of nearly EUR 15 million and is implemented by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), on behalf of the European Commission.

The Commission (OLAF) must carry out a mid-term evaluation of the Hercule III Programme by the end of 2017. The evaluation was supported by a study carried out by a consortium led by the Italian company Economisti Associati (the contractor) on behalf of the European Commission (OLAF). To this end, the contractor conducted a survey of the beneficiaries of the Hercule III funded projects and the participants from programme funded trainings, seminars and conferences. The survey was carried out through an internet-based questionnaire where respondents were contacted through an e-mail with a link to the questionnaire.

Simultaneously with the survey, a number of qualitative, semi-structured interviews with selected stakeholders was carried out face-to-face or by telephone. A Steering Group consisting of staff from various Commission services facilitated, advised and validated the work and deliverables of the evaluator and played an important role in relation to quality control of the evaluation.

The processing of your data will not be used for an automated decision making, including profiling.

2. LEGAL BASIS FOR THE PROCESSING

The legal basis for this processing is Article 5(1)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

The Hercule III Regulation provides in its Article 13(2)(a) that: "The Commission shall carry out a thorough evaluation of the Programme and present to the European Parliament and to the Council by 31 December 2017, an independent mid-term evaluation

¹ Regulation (EU) No 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014, establishing a programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III programme). This regulation repeals Decision No 804/2004/EC.

² As laid down in Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 1311/2013 of 2 December 2013.

report on the achievement of the objectives of all the actions, results and impacts, the effectiveness and efficiency of the use of resources and its added value to the Union (...)".

3. CATEGORIES OF PERSONAL DATA COLLECTED

In order to carry out this processing operation OLAF collects the following categories of personal data: name of the organisation, address and contact person's name, function, telephone number and e-mail, and replies to the interviews and surveys.

As regards surveys, it would be useful to collect also the IP addresses of respondents in order to reduce the likelihood that the same respondent does not replies more than once to the same survey.

The provision of the personal data is not mandatory.

4. WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION AND TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?

OLAF staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation has access to your personal data. In addition, your data may be transferred to the contractor (referred to as the Evaluation Team elsewhere) in order collect, process and store the information collected for the purposes of the mid-term evaluation of Hercule III programme, for the duration of the contract with OLAF.

5. HOW DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?

In order to protect your personal data, a number of technical and organisational measures have been put 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 data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the data to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

6. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?

Your personal data may be retained by OLAF for a maximum of 8 years.

7. WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND HOW YOU CAN EXERCISE THEM?

You have the right to request access to your personal data, rectification or erasure of the data, or restriction of their processing.

You have the right to object to the processing of your data.

Any request to exercise one of those rights should be directed to the Controller (OLAF-FMB-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu). Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations or files, please provide their description and reference(s) in your request.

Exceptions based on Regulation 2018/1725 may apply.

8. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

You may contact the Data Protection Officer of OLAF (OLAF-FMB-DPO@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation(EU)2018/1725.

9. RIGHT OF RECOURSE

You have the right to have recourse 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 OLAF.