

Privacy Notice: Finnish University Partnership for International Development - UniPID activities

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For what purposes will your personal data be processed and what is the legal basis for the processing?

The University of Eastern Finland, acting as the coordinator for the Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID Network), is committed to collecting and processing your personal data in a fair and transparent manner and in compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679, GDPR). This privacy notice outlines how the University manages your personal information in accordance with the data protection legislation.

You as the data subject have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more specific purposes, outlined below.

1. In the case of UniPID event registration databases, the information is collected for registering participants and for communicating pertinent information. Your personal data is processed to carry out event arrangements. Statistics can also be compiled of event participants.

The processing of personal data is based on the data controller's legitimate interests (Article 6.1(f) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, 679/2016)). Such legitimate interests exist because a meaningful and proper relationship is established between the data subject (participant) and the University of Eastern Finland as a result of a registration for a seminar, conference, or event. This can be considered to be equal to a customer relationship. On the basis of this, the University of Eastern Finland issues notifications of upcoming events.

If separate agreements are entered into regarding events, processing may also be based on article 6.1(b) of the GDPR, in which case processing is necessary for the performance of the agreement or in order to take steps prior to entering into the agreement.

In the case of activities subject to a charge, processing may also be based on statutory obligations (taxation, accounting) as defined in article 6.1(c) of the GDPR.

In case we request data regarding a person's dietary restrictions or allergies, a specific consent for allergies or special dietary requirement will be requested.

2. In the case of the UniPID Infobank expert database (Infobank), the information is collected for publishing researcher profiles and/or research projects on the Infobank website (www.unipid.fi/infobank/). The purpose of the Infobank is to facilitate knowledge exchange, communication, and cooperation opportunities between researchers in Finland working on/in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean, and Finnish ministries and embassies, as well as potential partners abroad and other stakeholders. The legal basis for the processing of this data is the data subjects' consent.
3. In the case of UniPID DocNet, the information is collected for supporting the development research doctoral training in Finnish universities and for publishing

researcher profiles and/or research projects on the Infobank website. The purpose of publishing the profiles is to facilitate peer support and the establishment of relevant academic contacts. The legal basis for the processing of this data is the data subjects' consent.

4. In the case of UniPID mailing lists (UniPID@lists.uef.fi, DocNet@lists.uef.fi, UniPID List on Mailchimp), the information is collected for sharing information via email. When signing up for any of these mailing lists, you give consent for adding your email address to the list. The legal basis for the processing of this data is the data subjects' consent.
5. In the case of UniPID travel grants, travel reimbursements and Master's Award, the information is collected for evaluating grant applications and payment of travel grants, travel reimbursements and the Master's Award grant. The purposes of processing personal data are managing and evaluating grant applications and paying grants to the recipients, communicating about them, and complying with statutory obligations and authority guidelines. The legal basis for the processing of this data is that processing is necessary for the implementation of a contract in which the data subject is a party, or in order to take necessary steps at the data subject's request prior to entering into a contract.
6. In the case of the Master's Award in Development Studies, the information is collected for ensuring submissions are legitimate and eligible, and contacting the participants. The legal basis for the processing is the data subject's consent.
7. In the case of the Commissioned Studies Mechanism during the contract period 2023–2025, the information was collected for evaluating tenders and contacting the submitters, and for preparing a contract and paying the fee with selected researchers. The legal basis for the processing was that the processing is necessary for the implementation of a contract in which the data subject is a party, or in order to take necessary steps at the data subject's request prior to entering into a contract.
8. In the case of the FSPS, data collected will be stored for the duration of the programme and then for a period required by legislation, funding rules or the university's records management plan (TOS). Risk assessment materials or documents of long term significance may be retained for archiving in the public interest in accordance with applicable laws.

What personal data do we process?

1. In the case of UniPID event registration, the following information is collected: First & Last name, Title/position, Institution, Department/unit, and Email address. In some cases, special dietary information may also be collected.
2. In the case of the UniPID Infobank, the following information is collected: First & Last name, Role/title, Email address, Telephone, Institution, Department/Faculty, City, Country.

3. In the case of UniPID DocNet, the following information is collected: First & Last name, Role/title, Email address, Telephone, Institution, Department/Faculty, City, Country.
4. In the case of UniPID mailing lists, the following information is collected: email address, which may show your name and/or institutional affiliation. For the Mailchimp lists, you may also state your first and last name and organization on the registration form directly if you wish.
5. In the case of UniPID travel grants, travel reimbursements and Master's Award grant the following information is collected: First & Last name, Title/position, Work address, Postal code, City, Telephone, Email address and Banking Details.
6. In the case of the Master's Award in Development Studies, the following information is collected: First & Last name, Home address, Email, Telephone.
7. In the case of the Commissioned Studies Mechanism, the following information was collected: First & Last name, Title/Position, Email, Telephone and Institution if included in the CV.
8. In the case of the FSPS, contact details of the contributor (funder), contact details of the administrative and academic contact persons of the Finnish university applying to the funding (First & Last name, Role/title, Email address, telephone, Institution, Department/Faculty/, Postal code and City); contact details and personal data regarding the candidate to be hosted (First & Last name, sex, citizenship, date of birth, place of residence, academic degrees, latest foreign university/research institution before the planned hosting period, email address), risk assessment information of the candidate to be hosted, and name and signature of the legal representative of the Finnish university applying for the funding.

The information we process is provided by the data subject when filling in the online form or communicating via email for each specific purpose. Personal information from other sources will not be combined to the information provided for a specific purpose.

Who will have access to your data?

1. In the case of UniPID event registration, Infobank, DocNet, mailing list, seminar grants, and Master's award in development studies: employees of the UniPID coordination and employees from Siirilä Ltd who are responsible for the maintenance and technical support of processwire, where the UniPID webpage is set up.
2. In the case of the UniPID newsletter, employees of the UniPID coordination. In addition, the owner of the service provider Mailchimp, The Rocket Science Group LLC, has access to the data related to the Mailchimp mailing lists. For more information, please see the Mailchimp Privacy Policy at <https://mailchimp.com/legal/privacy/>.

3. In the case of the commissioned studies mechanism, employees of the UniPID coordination and employees of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland who overviewed the development of the mechanism and employees who made the study requests as well as KPMG Ltd as the company that conducted the audit of the mechanism.
4. In the case of the FSPS, employees of the UniPID coordination, members of the FSPS steering committee, representatives of the funding organisations and employees from Siirilä Ltd who are responsible for the maintenance and technical support of processwire, where the UniPID webpage is set up.

Will your personal data be transferred outside the EU/EEA area? How are the transfers protected?

Your personal information is NOT transferred outside EU/EEA area, with the exception of the Mailchimp mailing lists.

Data related to the Mailchimp mailing lists may be stored on servers of The Rocket Science Group LLC located in the U.S. The Rocket Science Group LLC is self-certified in the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework related to international data transfers and complies with the Privacy Shield Principles. For more information, please see the Mailchimp Privacy Policy at <https://mailchimp.com/legal/privacy/>.

For how long will your data be processed? Will the data be archived? (Retention periods)

The processing of personal data will be terminated and the associated identification data will be deleted as outlined below:

1. In the case of UniPID event registration, the information you provide when you register for an event will be deleted within 12 months after the event has occurred. If you consent to stay in touch with us, essential information to communicate with you will be kept until you withdraw your consent. Anonymized data may be archived for statistical purposes.
2. In the case of UniPID Infobank, the data in the Infobank will be available permanently or until you want it to be removed.
3. In the case of UniPID DocNet, the data in the Infobank will be available permanently or until you want it to be removed.
4. In the case of UniPID mailing lists, the data you provide when signing up for the mailing list will be kept permanently or until the mailing list is taken out of use or until you want it to be removed. In case the mailing list is transferred, the subscribers are notified of the upcoming change, alerting them to unsubscribe if they do not wish their information to be transferred.
5. In the case of UniPID travel grants and Master's Award grant, the data you provide when applying for a grant will be deleted within 12 months of the closing date of applications if your application was unsuccessful. If you receive a grant, the data will be deleted within 2 years of the closing date of applications, but names and

event titles may be stored permanently for historical research purposes. Anonymized data may be archived for statistical purposes.

6. In the case of the Master's Award in Development Studies, the data you provide when submitting your thesis will be deleted within 12 months of handing out the award. Anonymized data may be archived for statistical purposes.
7. In the case of the Commissioned Studies Mechanism, the data you provide when submitting a tender request was deleted within 12 months of the closing date of submissions if your request was unsuccessful. If your tender was accepted, the controller shall keep the data for at least 6 years after the contract was signed or for a period defined in the university records management plan (TOS). In addition, the controller shall keep book-keeping material for at least 6 years after the accounting period has ended or for a period defined in the university records management plan (TOS). The author names and report titles of completed studies may be stored permanently for historical research purposes. Anonymized data may be archived for statistical purposes.
8. In the case of the FSPS, data collected will be stored for the duration of the programme and then for a period required by legislation, funding rules or the university's records management plan (TOS). Risk-assessment materials or documents of long-term significance may be retained for archiving in the public interest in accordance with applicable laws.

Withdrawal of consent

You have the right to withdraw the consent at any time. You may cancel your consent by sending an email to unipid-info@uef.fi. Withdrawing your consent does not affect the processing actions taken before the consent was withdrawn.

Your rights as a data subject

As a data subject, you have the following rights in relation to your personal data which is processed by the University:

- to access the personal information the University holds about you. This is known as a Subject Access Request.
- right to erasure ('right to be forgotten') in some cases
- to correct inaccuracies or, where appropriate and taking into account the purpose for which we process your data, the right to have incomplete data completed;
- to have your personal data erased. This is a limited right which applies, among other circumstances, when the data is no longer required or the processing has no legal justification. There are also exceptions to this right, such as when the processing is required by law or in the public interest (e.g. when the University need the data for research);
- to object to the processing of your personal data for marketing purposes.
- to object to the processing of your personal data when that processing is based on specific criteria such as the public interest or other legitimate interests, unless we have compelling lawful grounds to continue;

- to restrict the processing of your personal data. This is a limited right which will apply in specific circumstances and for a limited period;
- to ask for the transfer of your data electronically to a third party;
- where the legal basis for us processing your personal data is your consent, to withdraw that consent at any time.

If you have any questions about your rights, you can contact the University's Data Protection Officer or the contact person of the database concerned.

How can you use your rights?

All requests for the rights of the data subjects must be submitted to the responsible unit, contact details available at the end of this document. To ensure identity, a signed form or proof of identity is required.

A general description of the technical and organisational safety measures

The University as a data controller will take appropriate technical and organisational measures against unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and against accidental loss or damage to personal data.

Traffic on the UniPID website is protected with the SSL certificate.

Contact details

Data Controller

As regards processing these personal data, the University of Eastern Finland is the data controller and takes over the responsibility from the Faculty of Geographical and Historical Studies as a responsible unit.

Responsible unit

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Data Protection Officer

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This privacy notice has been released and submitted to the data subject on **30.3.2026**.