

Informed consent for the use of data and future contact

General information: YouthDecide 2040 is a European project funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe Programme (Grant Agreement No. 101177438). The project aims **to imagine and build desirable futures for democracy in the European Union in 2040**, placing young people’s experiences, values and expectations at the centre.

To this end, **the project organises different participatory activities**—such as national workshops, online consultations and transnational gatherings—in which young people from different countries participate, as well as other social and institutional actors.

YouthDecide 2040 is coordinated by AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, based in Austria, and delivered by a consortium of organisations from different countries. For the purposes of this workshop, **WeDo is the data controller for the personal data of individuals who applied to participate** (more detailed information on all institutions can be found in the annex).

During the workshop registration process, you provided personal data via a specific Smartsheet Europe form. This included sensitive personal data, such as political opinions and values, collected to understand the diversity of profiles among people interested in participating, as well as identifying personal data (for example, age, gender and nationality).

All data were used to classify registered individuals into different participation profiles (for example, “critical”, “apathetic” or “enthusiastic”) through a semi-automated characterisation algorithm. The results were subsequently reviewed by the project’s human team. This characterisation process had no legal effects and did not produce automated decisions with individual impact on registered persons.

We are now requesting your authorisation for the future use of this data and, if you wish, to keep in contact with you.

Consent for the use of data for research purposes

If you give your consent, the personal data you provided will be used exclusively for research purposes, within the YouthDecide 2040 project, to:

- Analyse youth participation profiles.
- Produce aggregated results.
- Contribute to project reports and publications.

Results will always be presented in anonymised or aggregated form, so that you cannot be personally identified.

Your consent is voluntary. If you do not give your consent, your data will be deleted or irreversibly anonymised and will not be used for the study. Your decision not to consent will have no negative consequences for you.

Legal basis:

- Use of data for research: explicit consent (Articles 6(1)(a) and 9(2)(a) GDPR).

Retention:

- Research data: as indicated in the consent.

You may withdraw your consent at any time by writing to: hola@wedo-projects.com, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing carried out before the withdrawal.

Consent to keep in contact

Independently, you may authorise us to keep your contact details (name and email) to inform you in the future about:

- project results,
- new activities or workshops,
- other participation opportunities related to YouthDecide 2040.

Your consent is voluntary. If you do not give your consent, your data will be deleted or irreversibly anonymised and will not be used for the study. Your decision not to consent will have no negative consequences for you.

Legal basis:

- Future contact: consent (Article 6(1)(a) GDPR).

Retention:

- Contact data: until the end of the project or until you withdraw your consent.

Your consent is voluntary. You may withdraw your consent at any time by writing to: hola@wedo-projects.com, without affecting the lawfulness of the processing carried out before the withdrawal.

This consent is independent from the consent given for the use of data for research purposes.

Data retention and sharing

How long do we keep your data?

Your personal data will be kept only for as long as necessary to achieve the objectives of YouthDecide 2040 and to meet the associated legal obligations.

Specifically:

- Data will be kept for the duration of the project activities and its reporting/justification period to the European Commission.
- At most, your data will be kept until five years after the end of the final reporting period of the project, and in any case no later than June 2033.
- After this period, the data will be deleted or anonymised, applying appropriate security measures.

Who do we share your data with?

Your data will not be made public nor shared with third parties outside the project.

It will only be disclosed, when this is permissible under data protection law and strictly necessary, to certain partner entities of YouthDecide 2040, for project delivery, research and accountability/reporting to the European Commission.

In all cases:

- Processing will be carried out in accordance with the GDPR.
- The use of anonymised or pseudonymised data will be prioritised whenever possible.
- Data will only be transferred to third countries under the conditions provided for in data protection law.

Your rights and how to exercise them

In accordance with applicable data protection law, you have the right to:

- Access the personal data we hold about you.
- Rectify any inaccurate or incomplete data.
- Request erasure of your data when it is no longer necessary for the project purposes, within legal limits.
- Restrict or object to processing in certain cases.
- Request data portability, where applicable.
- Withdraw your consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out prior to withdrawal.

Data controller

The following organisation is responsible for processing your data:

EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM (YFJ), RUE DE L'INDUSTRIE 10, BRUXELLES 1000, Belgium
(youthforum@youthforum.org)

The contact details of the Data Protection Officer are:

Larissa Ahanhanzo (larissa.ahanhanzo@youthforum.org)

Data processor

The data controller uses the following data processors:

WeDo Project Intelligence Made Easy, S.L.

How can you exercise your rights?

To exercise any of these rights, or if you have questions about the use of your data, you may contact:

WeDo Project Intelligence Made Easy, S.L.

Address: C/ Joan d'Austria, 95, 5^a 1^a, 08018 Barcelona

Email: hola@wedo-projects.com

If you consider that your data has not been processed in accordance with the law, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the respective national authority **Autorité de protection des données** (www.dataprotectionauthority.be)

Annex: Extended information for reference

Participating organisations in the project with access to data

Within YouthDecide 2040, your personal data will be stored in a **Smartsheet Europe** repository and will not be shared publicly nor with third parties outside the project.

It may only be disclosed, when this is permissible under data protection law and strictly necessary to achieve the purpose of processing, to certain participating entities involved in coordination, research, analysis or communication tasks. Specifically, data may be shared with the following organisations:

- **AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH**, VAT reg. no.: ATU 14703506, registered office at Giefinggasse 2, 4 and 6, 1210 Vienna, Austria.
- **WeDo Project Intelligence Made Easy, S.L.**, VAT n°.: B67039 B67031849 and registered office at C/ Joan d'Austria, 95, 5º, 1ª; 08018 Barcelona, Spain.
- **Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V.**, VAT number: DE 129515865 and address: Hansastraße 27 c, 80686 Munich, Germany.
- **Missions Publiques**, with VAT number FR65941126757 and address at 35 Rue Du Sentier, 75002; Paris.
- **EDYN N.O.**, Pic 880557465, with registered office at Palisady 7052/29, Bratislava; 81106, Slovakia.
- **Instytut Filozofii i Socjologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk (IFiS PAN)**, with tax identification number 525-21-00-471, and address at ul. Nowy Świat 72, 00-330 Warsaw, Poland.
- **European University Institute (EUI)**, Via dei Roccettini 9, Fiesole 50014, Italy.
- **European Youth Forum (YFJ)**, Rue ae l'Industrie 10, Bruxelles 1000, Belgium

No other entity than those mentioned here will have access to identifiable personal data.

Secondary findings and ethical incidents (only in exceptional situations)

Although not expected, if secondary findings or incidents related to ethics or research integrity are identified during project activities, they will be handled with particular care and confidentiality.

WeDo and AIT will guide participants, where appropriate, towards the relevant institutional, regional or national authorities. Any relevant finding will be communicated to the project management team, always ensuring:

- Respect for anonymity.
- Participant autonomy.
- Transparency in handling such situations.

Applicable legal framework

A) European Union — GDPR (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)

Special categories

- Article 9(1) (general prohibition / definition of special categories).
- Article 9(2)(a) (explicit consent).

Consent

- Article 6(1)(a) (lawfulness based on consent).
- Article 7 (conditions for consent).

Transparency and rights

- Articles 12–14 (information and transparency).
- Articles 15–22 (rights).
- Article 25 (data protection by design and by default).
- Article 30 (records of processing activities).
- Article 32 (security).