

DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY POLICY OF THE ECIT FOUNDATION (JUNE 2018)

"At ECIT we care about Data Protection and Privacy as a fundamental right in the EU Charter of Rights and a defining feature of our transnational citizenship. This is an area where Europe is in advance of the rest of the world and should be proud of its legislation.

We should both promote data protection and apply it to ourselves. This is why we have adopted this simple policy in response to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is not a policy set in stone but one which is more than enough to protect your rights at our current stage of development as a start-up. It may well need to become more detailed if ECIT takes off and develops services which could involve more use of data apart from a person's name and contact details. I will make sure this policy is implemented and reviewed periodically by the ECIT Board of Directors"

TONY VENABLES, Founder and Director of ECIT.

ECIT was set up as a public foundation on 3 June 2015 under Belgian law (Number: 0631.739.521). We are included in the Transparency Register of the EU (Number: 040138431117-64). According to our statutes, which are published on our website, our aim is to become a multi-disciplinary resource centre on European citizenship bringing together different communities of interest: civil society activists, academics and policy makers.

Our audience is made up of organisations in the public domain, but we also like to include students and researchers focussing on different aspects of European citizenship, who are not yet in the public domain. In accordance with our mission we have no interest in developing complex data or profiling of individuals-on the contrary:

- as a think tank on EU citizenship we are virulently opposed to any commodification or commercialisation of this status;
- since we are intent on building a cross sectoral constituency we have no interest in going into detail and re-segmenting our audience in specialised categories;

In a recent letter to ECIT, the President of the European Parliament recognises the value of this mission to establish cross-sectoral dialogue. It does mean that we must reach out beyond an immediate circle already in touch with us. By attending events or by following publications, we try to make sure that ECIT reflects "the state of the art out there" when it comes to research, initiatives or policy making. From time to time we send out questionnaires to explore new themes.

It would be in total contradiction with our values if any personal data were used for commercial purposes. It is also in our interests to make it as easy as possible for people to unsubscribe as to subscribe. EU citizenship tends to be a temporary interest linked to a project or research assignment, however much we would like that to change in future.

You can be confident your data is fully protected for the following reasons:

- Any personal data is secured by passwords and a locked office at MAI where there is additional security provided by the staff and reception. In practice the only personal data we receive is from applicants for jobs and internships and is for our eyes only and in no case sent to another organisation unless express permission is given by the individual concerned. For events, we ask speakers to provide not a full CV but a short public statement of their studies and career. Participants in events have to do more than identify themselves.
- All mailing out by ECIT is accompanied by an easy to implement possibility to unsubscribe;

- A new newsletter for ECIT is being issued with a request to confirm your subscription;
- Our privacy and data protection policy is kept under review

If you have questions about this policy or encounter any difficulties unsubscribing from ECIT please write to info@ecit-foundation.eu for the attention of Tony Venables