

International Protection Agency

Data Protection Policy

The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (Cap 586), including the regulations made thereunder, regulate the processing of personal data whether held electronically or in manual form if it forms part of a filing system. The International Protection Agency set to fully comply with the applicable provisions of the data protection legislation.

Legal Basis and Purposes of Processing

The legal basis and the purposes of processing with regard to the processing operations conducted by International Protection Agency are the following:

Processing Operation	Legal Basis for processing	Purposes of Processing <i>(Note: In the case of legitimate interest for CCTV surveillance, the controller should state that the purpose is for safety and security purposes.)</i>
Asylum Application Records, including data with special safeguards	Chapter 420 Laws of Malta SL 420.07	Consent, Legal Obligation, Public Task, Legitimate Interest
Personal Data on beneficiaries of International Protection and rejected applicants, including data with special safeguards	Chapter 420 Laws of Malta, SL 420.07 and Regulation Eu No 604/2013	Consent, Legal Obligation, Public Task, Legitimate Interest
Personal Documents of Applicants	Chapter 420 Laws of Malta, SL 420.07 and Regulation Eu No 604/2013	Consent, Legal Obligation, Public Task, Legitimate Interest
Dublin Procedure Data	Chapter 420 Laws of Malta, SL 420.07 and Regulation Eu No 604/2013	Legal Obligation, Public Task, Legitimate Interest
EURODAC fingerprint Data	Dublin III Regulation (EU) No. 604/2013 ¹	Legal Obligation, Public Task, Legitimate Interest
Emails	N/A	Public Task, Legitimate Interest

The categories of personal data and the special categories of personal data that will be processed are as follows:

Categories of Personal Data	Special Categories of Personal Data	Source/s
International and National Protection	Racial or ethnic origin	Asylum applicants
International and National Protection	Political opinions	Asylum applicants
International and National Protection	Religious or philosophical beliefs	Asylum applicants
International and National Protection	Health data	Asylum applicants
International and National Protection	Sexual orientation	Asylum applicants
International and National Protection	Data concerning a person's sex life	Asylum applicants

¹ In June 2026 legislation shall be Regulation (EU) 2024/1358

International and National Protection	Biometric data	Asylum applicants
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Recipients of Personal Data

Personal Data will be disclosed to (a) *The Agency shares its data with data processor/s in order to be able to fulfil its function based on controller/processor agreements with the respective data processor/s;* (b) *other government entities in line with its legal mandate and with external entities and other service providers upon written consent of the data subject.* Disclosure can also be made to third parties but only as authorised by law.

Your rights

Your rights as data subjects in connection with the processing of your personal data are:

- The right to receive a copy of your personal data undergoing processing, including information in relation to the processing activities.
- The right to request us to rectify personal data you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete personal data you think is incomplete.
- The right to request the erasure of your personal data in certain circumstances.
- The right to request the restriction of your personal data in certain circumstances.
- The right to portability of your personal data in relation to information that you have given us.
- The right to object to the processing of your personal data if we are able to process your information because the process forms part of our public tasks or is in our legitimate interests.
- The right to not be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing including profiling.
- The right to withdraw your consent at any time, where applicable.

Requests to exercise your rights are free of charge and should preferably be made in writing and sent to the Data Protection Officer of the International Protection Agency. Your identification details such as ID number, name and surname must be submitted with the request for the purpose of verifying your identity. In case the controller has reasonable doubts concerning your identity, you may be requested to provide additional information necessary to confirm it.

The International Protection Agency aims to comply as quickly as possible with the request and is obliged to respond without undue delay and at the latest within one (1) month from receipt of request.

The right exercised by the data subject may be limited or restricted, where necessary, pursuant to the applicable law.

The Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Officer may be contacted on:

Fafner House,
Triq Nazzjonali
Hamrun HMR 9011
Malta
Telephone: +356 21255257
Email: dp.ipa@ipa.gov.mt

The Data Controller

The International Protection Agency may be contacted at:

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The Information and Data Protection Commissioner

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority, which could be reached at the following contact details:

The Information and Data Protection Commissioner

Airways House,

Triq il-Kbira

Tas-Sliema SLM 1549

Telephone: +356 2328 7100

Email: idpc.info@idpc.org.mt

Website: www.idpc.org.mt