

**DATA PROTECTION**

**Call for SR&TD Projects  
Azores: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean**

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In the context of the **Call for Scientific Research and Technological Development (R&D) Projects, Azores: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean**, hereinafter referred to as the UAc Call: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean, personal data is collected and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), established by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27, 2016, and pursuant to Law No. 58/2019 of August 8, which ensures the implementation of the GDPR in the national legal framework.

### Data Controller

The *Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, I.P.*, hereinafter FCT, assumes the role of data controller, with its registered office at Av. D. Carlos I, 126, 1249-074 Lisbon, telephone: +351 21 3924300.

### Data Protection Officer

FCT has appointed a Data Protection Officer, who can be contacted directly via email at [dpo@fct.pt](mailto:dpo@fct.pt) for all matters related to the processing of personal data carried out by FCT.

### Purpose and Legal Basis for Processing

Personal data is collected exclusively for the purpose of managing financing and co-financing instruments, and its processing is lawful because it is necessary:

- a) **For the execution of a contract** to which the data subject is a party, or for **carrying out pre-contractual procedures** at the request of the data subject, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR;
- b) For **compliance with legal obligations**, in accordance with Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR, as outlined in points (a) and (c) of Article 3(2) of the Organic Law of the FCT, approved by Decree-Law 55/2013, of April 17;
- c) For the **performance of tasks carried out in the public interest by the FCT**, in accordance with Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR and based on Regulation 5/2024, in its current wording, which establishes the access conditions and rules for projects exclusively funded by national funds through the FCT.

The FCT may also process personal data for **purposes of public interest archiving, scientific or historical research, or statistical purposes**, in compliance with the principle of data minimization, including anonymization or pseudonymization of the data whenever the intended purposes can be achieved through these means.

### Collection of Personal Data

As part of the UAc Call: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean, personal data is collected in two phases:

- a) **During the Application Phase:** Data necessary to validate the eligibility and merit of the application is collected.
- b) **During the Financing Phase:** Additional data is collected, primarily financial, as well as data related to the execution of projects and accountability.

In the different phases of the UAc Call, the personal data collected is categorized as follows:

- **Application Phase:** During the project application process within the scope of the UAc Call: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean, common and special categories of personal data are collected. This personal data is provided directly by the principal investigator through the completion of a specific form and submission of the application via the myFCT platform.
- **Financing and Contract Management Phase:** After the application is approved, during the process of contracting and financing management, additional personal data is collected, necessary for formalizing contracts and monitoring projects. This personal data may include financial information and sensitive information (e.g., degree of disability) related to the execution of the projects.

The data is provided directly by the data subjects through application forms and the following online platforms:

- **MyFCT Platform:** Centralized system for submission, evaluation, and approval of applications and funding.
- **CIÊNCIA ID Platform:** National identifier for access to various science services.
- **CIÊNCIAVITAE Platform:** CVs of members associated with the research team.
- **Science and Technology Portal (PCT):** Data from entities responsible for applications and communication with individual and collective FCT interlocutors. Additionally, in specific cases related to reviewers, data is provided through recruitment and appointment processes for reviewers.

Data is also indirectly provided by beneficiary entities of the applications or by the principal investigators, who make available the data of the members of the research teams.

## Description of Data Subjects and Categories of Personal Data

The personal data processed within the scope of the UAc Call: Ecological Transition – Space – Ocean pertains, specifically, to the following:

- a) **Categories of data subjects**
  - **Researchers:** Principal investigators, co-responsible investigators, and research team members affiliated with higher education institutions, R&D units, laboratories, non-profit institutions, or foreign partner organizations.
  - **Faculty Members:** From higher education institutions involved in pedagogical and scientific activities.
  - **Students:** Postgraduate and doctoral students participating in research projects.
  - **PhD Holders:** Hired for R&D projects within institutions of the Portuguese scientific system.

- **Institutional Representatives:** From higher education, laboratories, public or private non-profit entities, companies, and foreign institutions involved in projects.
- **Reviewers and Coordinators:** Independent or external, national or international.

b) **Categories of personal data**

- **Civil Identification:** Including full name, surname, date of birth, gender, civil identification number and/or passport, and taxpayer number;
- **Contact Information:** Encompassing institutional email address, city, and country or region of residence;
- **Academic and Professional Activity:** Detailing professional status, level of education, academic or professional trajectory, academic degree, job titles, scientific identification, and project identification;
- **Physical Data:** Including image in paper or video format, if applicable;
- **Financial Information:** Encompassing the IBAN;
- **Criminal Records:** Penal and infraction history, if applicable;
- **Health Information:** Including details contained in documents necessary to justify eligibility at the time of the project.

### **Sharing Personal Data with Third Parties**

In the context of fulfilling legal obligations related to the purpose of Managing Financing and Co-financing Instruments, the data is disclosed to the Portuguese Ministry of Education, Science, and Innovation for the necessary acts of approval, without excluding other entities not mentioned but legally authorized to request, collect, and process the data in question.

### **Data Transfer to Third Countries**

For the processing of personal data within the scope and for the purpose indicated, personal data may be subject to international transfers not only to countries belonging to the European Economic Area but also to third countries. In such cases, FCT formalizes in writing the contractualization of said international data transfers only with entities that provide sufficient guarantees regarding the implementation of appropriate technical and organizational measures to comply with the applicable privacy and personal data protection legislation, ensuring the safeguarding of the data subject's rights.

### **Retention Period**

The retention period for personal data is determined by the legal or regulatory provisions in force or, in their absence, by what is deemed necessary to achieve the purpose that motivated its collection and processing.

## Rights of Data Subjects

Through any of the contacts indicated above, and without prejudice to the limits established by law, data subjects have the right to request from FCT access to their personal data, its rectification or deletion, the restriction of the processing of their data, and data portability when technically feasible. They may also object to the processing or withdraw, at any time, previously given consent, if applicable.

Without prejudice to direct notification to FCT through the contacts available at <https://www.fct.pt/contactos>, a complaint may also be filed directly with the National Data Protection Commission ([www.cnpd.pt](http://www.cnpd.pt)) using the contacts provided by this entity for that purpose.

For more information on the processing of personal data carried out by FCT, it is recommended to consult the General Privacy and Data Protection Policy of FCT available on the official website: [www.fct.pt](http://www.fct.pt).

