



1. Data controller

University of Lapland, business ID: 0292800-5
Yliopistonkatu 8
96300 ROVANIEMI

2. Controller's representative and contact persons

Controller's representative:

Ari Konu
ari.konu@lapinamk.fi

Data Processor's representative (s)

Sirja-Leena Penttinen
Sirja-Leena.Penttinen@ulapland.fi

Emilia Taimi
emilia.taimi@ulapland.fi

The contact persons can be contacted for any questions related to the processing of personal data. You may also address any request concerning the exercise of your rights to the contact person mentioned above.

3. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Officer of the Lapland University Consortium is lawyer Jari Rantala. You can contact him at tietosuoja@ulapland.fi.

4. Purpose of processing personal data

Personal data are processed to collect and manage Expressions of Interest and to administer participation in the "Critical Transitions" conference held at the University of Lapland on 15–16 September 2026, including carrying out the necessary administrative arrangements related to the event.

5. Legal basis for processing

Personal data are processed in compliance with the Article 6(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR 2016/679):

participant's consent

6. Categories of personal data processed and their retention periods

The categories of personal data processed include the participant's name, institutional affiliation, email address, presentation title, keywords, and any information voluntarily provided in the Expression of Interest submission.

Personal data will be retained until 31 December 2026 for the purposes of organizing and administering the conference. After this date, the personal data will be securely deleted or anonymized in accordance with the University's data retention policies and applicable data protection legislation.

7. Data sources

Personal data are collected directly from the data subject through the submission of an Expression of Interest.

Providing personal data is voluntary. However, the information requested is necessary for the evaluation of Expressions of Interest and the administration of the conference. If the required personal data are not provided, it will not be possible to process the submission or facilitate participation in the conference.

8. Safeguards to protect personal data

Data will be processed and stored in compliance with the GPDR and the University Act.

9. Information systems used for processing

9.1 Information systems

Personal data are collected through email submissions of Expressions of Interest and processed using the University of Lapland email system. For the purposes of reviewing submissions, communicating with participants, and organizing the conference, personal data may also be stored and processed in Microsoft Word and Excel documents.

Personal data processed in electronic form are protected by appropriate technical and organizational measures, including access controls, firewalls, and other security solutions.

Access to the data is restricted to authorized personnel involved in the administration and organization of the conference. Access rights are managed by the Faculty of Law at the University of Lapland.

10. Regular transfers and disclosures of data

Personal data are not processed by external service providers on behalf of the University for the purposes of this conference. The data are not transferred to external archives, including research data archives, and will not be archived for long-term preservation. Personal data will be retained only for the period necessary to organize and administer the conference and will be deleted by 31 December 2026.

11. Transfer or disclosure of personal data to countries outside the EU/European Economic Area

No personal data will be transferred or disclosure outside of the areas of the European Union or the European Economic Area.

12. Automated decisions

No automated decisions are made.

13. Your rights as a data subject, and exceptions to these rights

The contact person in matters concerning the rights of the data subject mentioned in section 1 of this privacy notice.

Rights of data subjects

Right to withdraw your consent (GDPR, art. 7)

You have the right to withdraw your consent if the processing of your personal data is based on consent. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out on the basis of consent before its withdrawal.

Right of Access (GDPR, art. 15)

You have the right to know whether and what personal data about you is being processed. You may also request a copy of the personal data processed, if you wish.

Right to Rectification (GDPR, art. 16)

If there are inaccuracies or errors in the personal data processed, you have the right to request their correction or completion.

Right to Erasure (GDPR, art. 17)

You have the right to request the erasure of your personal data in the following cases:

- (a) the personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed;
- (b) you withdraw the consent on which the processing is based and where there is no other legal ground for the processing;
- (c) you object to the processing (see below for a description of this right) and there are no overriding legitimate grounds for the processing;
- (d) the personal data have been unlawfully processed; or
- (e) the personal data have to be erased for compliance with a legal obligation under Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

However, there is no right to erasure if, in certain individual cases, the erasure of data is not allowed on the reasons defined in the General Data Protection Regulation or Finnish data protection legislation.

Right to Restrict Processing (GDPR, art. 18)

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) you contest the accuracy of the personal data, in which case the processing shall be limited for a period of time within which the University of Lapland can verify the accuracy of the personal data;
- (b) the processing is unlawful and you oppose the erasure of the personal data and request the restriction of their use instead;
- (c) the University of Lapland no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but they are required by you for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims
- (d) you have objected to the processing of personal data (see below for more details), pending verification of whether the controller's legitimate grounds override those of the data subject.

Right to Data Portability (GDPR, art. 20)

You have the right to receive the personal data you have provided to the University of Lapland in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format, and have the right to transmit those data to another controller without the University of Lapland's hindrance, where the legal basis for the processing is consent or a contract, and the processing is carried out automatically. If you use your right to transfer data portability, you have the right to have the personal data transferred directly from one controller to another, where technically possible.

Right to Object (GDPR, art. 21)

You have the right to object the processing of your personal data if the processing is based on a public interest or a legitimate interest. In this case, the University of Lapland may not process your personal data unless it can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject or where it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims. The University of Lapland may also continue to process your personal data where it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

Exceptions to rights

The rights described in this paragraph may be derogated from in certain individual cases on the grounds defined in the General Data Protection Regulation and the Finnish Privacy Legislation. The need to derogate from the rights will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Right to lodge a complaint

You have the right to submit lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office if you think your rights have been breached.

Contact details:

Data Protection Ombudsman's Office (Tietosuojavaltuutetun toimisto)

Link: [Notification to the Data Protection Ombudsman](#)

Visiting address: Lintulahdenkuja 4, 00530 Helsinki

Postal address: P.O. Box 800, 00531 Helsinki, Finland

E-mail: tietosuoja(at)om.fi

Switchboard: +358 (0)29 566 6700

Registry: +358 (0)29 566 6768