

# Privacy Policy for the Global Student Forum

The Global Student Forum respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information. This Privacy Policy outlines how we collect, use, and protect the information you provide through various channels, including our website ([www.globalstudentforum.org](http://www.globalstudentforum.org)), events, and communications.

## Identity of Data Controller

The Global Student Forum is the data controller. We are responsible for your personal data and committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. If you have any inquiries or concerns regarding your personal data, please contact us at [steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org)

## Purpose of Data Collection and Use

We collect and use your personal data for specific, explicit, and legitimate purposes. These include communicating with you, sending you our newsletter, providing you with information about our events, and responding to your inquiries or requests. We always ensure that we have a lawful basis for processing your personal data.

## Data Collected

We collect both personal and non-personal data. Personal data may include your name, email address, and country when you engage with our services. Non-personal data includes technical data such as your IP address, browser type, and operating system, which we use for analytics purposes to improve our services and ensure the best user experience.

## Data Retention

Your personal data is retained only as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected, or as required by law. After this period, your personal data will be permanently deleted from our systems.

## Data Protection Measures

We are committed to ensuring the security of your personal data. We use appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect your personal data against unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction. These measures include industry-standard security technologies and procedures.

## Rights of Data Subjects

In accordance with GDPR, you have the right to:

1. **Access your data:** You can ask for details of your personal data we hold and verify what it is being used for.
2. **Correct inaccuracies:** If the personal data we hold about you is incomplete or inaccurate, you have the right to have it corrected.
3. **Request erasure:** You can request the deletion or removal of your personal data if there's no compelling reason for us to continue processing it.
4. **Restrict or object to processing:** You have the right to object to our processing of your personal data under certain circumstances, and the right to restrict our use of your personal data while we consider your objection.
5. **Data portability:** You have the right to obtain and reuse your personal data for your own purposes.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact us at [steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org)

## Consent

By using our services, you consent to the collection and use of your personal data as described in this policy. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. The withdrawal of consent shall not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

## International Transfers

While our operations are global, we strive to protect your personal data regardless of where you are. Your personal data is stored and processed within the European Union. If any transfer of personal data occurs outside of the EU, we ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect your data.

### **Third-Party Sharing**

We will not share or sell your personal data to third parties for marketing purposes. In the event of sharing your data with third parties for other legitimate purposes, we will seek your consent beforehand, or ensure that a legal mechanism, such as a data-sharing agreement, is in place.

### **Automated Decision-Making**

We do not use automated decision-making processes, including profiling, that result in legal or significant effects for the individuals involved. All our processes involving personal data are manned by our team and your privacy is always respected.

### **Children's Data**

The Global Student Forum is not intended for use by children under the age of 16. We do not knowingly collect personal data from children. In the event that we discover that a child under 16 has provided us with personal data, we immediately delete it from our servers. If you are a parent or guardian and you are aware that your child has provided us with personal data, please contact us so that we will be able to take the necessary actions.

### **Complaints**

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are not processing your personal data in accordance with the law, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Belgian Data Protection Authority or your local data protection authority.

### **Updates to the Privacy Policy**

We reserve the right to update this Privacy Policy from time to time. When we do, we will revise the updated date at the bottom of this page. We encourage users to frequently check this page for any changes. Your continued use of our services after the posting of any updates on this page will constitute your acknowledgement of the modifications and your consent to abide by and be bound by the modified Privacy Policy. If there are any significant changes to this policy, we will provide a more prominent notice (including, for certain services, email notification of changes).

By using our website and engaging with our platforms, you signify your acceptance of this Privacy Policy. If you do not agree with this policy, please do not use our services. Your continued use of the website following the posting of changes to this policy will be deemed your acceptance of those changes.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, the practices of this site, or your dealings with this site, please contact us at: [steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org](mailto:steering.committee@globalstudentforum.org)

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This privacy policy was created to ensure transparency and trust between the Global Student Forum and its users. We are committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations concerning personal data protection.