

PRIVACY AND COOKIE POLICY

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1. General Provisions

1.1.

This Privacy and Cookie Policy sets out the rules governing the use, disclosure, and protection of your personal data (hereinafter: “Personal Data”) obtained through the website <https://www.pacs2research.org/> (hereinafter: the “Website”).

1.2.

For the purposes of this Policy, visitors to our Website shall also be referred to as “Users”.

1.3.

This Privacy Policy does not apply to information collected about you by third-party websites that may place links or advertisements on the Website or otherwise be accessible through the Website. Information collected by third-party websites is subject to their own privacy policies.

1.4.

The controller of your Personal Data within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), hereinafter the “GDPR”, is Fundacja PACS2 Research Foundation, with its registered office in Warsaw at ul. Grzybowska 2, unit 31, 00-131 Warsaw, entered in the register of entrepreneurs of the National Court Register (Krajowy Rejestr Sądowy) maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, 13th Commercial Division of the National Court Register, KRS No.: 0000970620, NIP (Tax Identification Number): 5213967421 (hereinafter: the “Controller” or “PACS2”).

1.5.

You may contact PACS2 regarding matters related to the processing of Personal Data by email at: info@pacs2research.org.

1.6.

PACS2 takes particular care to respect the privacy of Users visiting the Website. PACS2 guarantees the confidentiality of all Personal Data provided and undertakes to implement all security and data protection measures required under applicable data protection laws. Personal Data is collected with due care and appropriately protected against access by unauthorized persons.

2. Information We Collect

2.1.

We collect information about individuals who visit our Website.

2.2.

When you visit our Website, we automatically collect the following information about you: IP address, operating system type, web browser type, and information concerning your activity on the Website, including visits to individual pages and clicks on functional buttons.

2.3.

If you provide us with your Personal Data by completing a registration form for our conference, we collect the following Personal Data: email address, first name, last name, and affiliation (optional).

2.4.

If you contact us via email at info@pacs2research.org, we collect the following Data: your email address and any information voluntarily provided in the body of the email.

2.5.

Providing Personal Data is voluntary; however, failure to provide such data may make it impossible to establish contact with PACS2.

3. Purposes, Scope, and Retention Periods for the Processing of Personal Data

3.1. Purpose of processing: establishing contact with PACS2, including responding to your message.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR (consent to the processing of Personal Data).

Retention period: until the User withdraws consent and, following withdrawal of consent, for a period corresponding to the limitation period applicable to claims that may be brought by the Controller or against the Controller.

Scope of data: first name, last name, email address, and other information voluntarily included in the content of the message.

3.2. Purpose of processing: fulfilling tax obligations.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR in conjunction with Article 86 § 1 of the Act of 29 January 1997 – Tax Ordinance (consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2019, item 900) and/or Article 74(2) of the Act of 29 September 1994 on Accounting (compliance with a legal obligation).

Retention period: data is retained for the period required by law obliging the Controller to retain tax records (until the expiry of the limitation period for the tax liability, unless tax laws provide otherwise) or accounting records (5 years, calculated from the beginning of the year following the financial year to which the data relates).

Scope of data: first name and last name, company name, Tax Identification Number (NIP), and financial data.

3.3. Purpose of processing: establishing, pursuing, or defending claims that may be brought by the Controller or against the Controller in connection with the services provided.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR (the Controller's legitimate interests related to establishing, pursuing, and defending claims).

Retention period: data is retained until the expiry of the limitation period for claims arising from the Controller's business relationship with the User, but for no longer than 6 years.

Scope of data: email address, first name and last name, Tax Identification Number (NIP), financial data, and telephone number.

3.4. Purpose of processing: undertaking promotional and educational activities, including sending marketing information electronically.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR (the Controller's legitimate interest in conducting marketing activities directed at interested individuals).

Retention period: until the User withdraws consent and, following withdrawal of consent, for a period corresponding to the limitation period applicable to claims that may be brought by the Controller or against the Controller.

Scope of data: first name, last name, email address, and other information voluntarily included by the User in the content of the message.

3.5. Purpose of processing: sending newsletters.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR (consent to the processing of Personal Data) and Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR (the Controller's legitimate interests related to establishing, pursuing, and defending claims).

Retention period: until the User withdraws consent and, following withdrawal of consent, for a period corresponding to the limitation period applicable to claims that may be brought by the Controller or against the Controller.

Scope of data: first name, last name, email address, and other information voluntarily included by the User in the content of the message.

3.6. Purpose of processing: maintaining and improving our Website, including its security and personalization of your use of the Internet, ensuring that content is presented in the most effective manner for you, as well as administering our Website and carrying out internal operations, including troubleshooting, data analysis, research, testing, and statistical and research purposes.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR, i.e. the Controller's legitimate interest in improving the Website and servicing individuals who visit the Website.

Retention period: until the purpose of the processing has been fulfilled.

Scope of data: first name, last name, email address, IP address, operating system type, web browser type, and information concerning activity on the Website, including visits to individual pages and clicks on functional buttons.

3.7. Purpose of processing: providing, or permitting the provision of, information about content that we believe may be of interest to you.

Legal basis: Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR (consent to the processing of Personal Data) and Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR (the Controller's legitimate interests related to establishing, pursuing, and defending claims).

Retention period: until the User withdraws consent and, following withdrawal of consent, for a period corresponding to the limitation period applicable to claims that may be brought by the Controller or against the Controller.

Scope of data: first name, last name, email address, operating system type, web browser type, and information concerning activity on the Website, including visits to individual pages and clicks on functional buttons.

Providing Personal Data is voluntary; however, it is necessary for the performance of a contract and for the use of services provided by PACS2, as well as for receiving newsletters, educational materials, and marketing information.

4. Recipients of Personal Data

4.1.

For the proper functioning of the Website and the professional provision of services, PACS2 needs to use the services of external entities. PACS2 uses only the services of processors that provide sufficient guarantees of implementing appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure that processing complies with the GDPR and protects the rights of data subjects.

4.2.

We may entrust your Personal Data to third parties for processing. In such cases, the recipients of your Personal Data may include entities supporting us in our day-to-day operations, in particular:

(a) providers of accounting, financial, legal, and advisory services;

(b) providers supplying PACS2 with technical, IT, and organizational solutions;

(c) other entities whose services are necessary for the proper functioning of the Website and the provision of services by the Controller.

4.3.

Personal Data collected by PACS2 may also be disclosed to relevant state authorities upon their request and pursuant to applicable laws, or to other persons and entities in cases provided for by law.

4.4.

Each entity to which PACS2 entrusts Personal Data for processing guarantees an appropriate level of security and confidentiality in the processing of Personal Data. The processor shall process Personal Data on the basis of a Data Processing Agreement.

4.5.

Personal Data may be disclosed to entities not authorized under this Policy only with your prior consent.

4.6.

PACS2 may transfer Personal Data to third countries where any of the entities referred to in Section 4.2 above processes data in a third country, and only where the European Commission has determined that an adequate level of protection is ensured or where the transfer is made using standard contractual clauses approved by the European Commission.

5. User Rights

Users of the Website have the following rights in relation to the processing of their Personal Data:

5.1. Right of access to Personal Data

The User has the right to obtain confirmation as to whether the Controller processes their Personal Data and, where this is the case, to obtain access to such data and information concerning the processing, including, for example: the purposes of processing, the categories of data, information about the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the data has been or will be disclosed, and the planned period of storage of the Personal Data or the criteria used to determine that period. This right also includes the right to obtain a copy of the data free of charge. For any additional copies requested by the User, the Controller may charge a reasonable fee based on administrative costs.

5.2. Right to rectification

The User has the right to request the rectification of Personal Data where it is inaccurate. This includes the right to request the completion of incomplete Personal Data.

5.3. Right to erasure of Personal Data (“right to be forgotten”)

The User has the right to request the erasure of Personal Data in the following circumstances: where the User’s Personal Data is no longer necessary for the purposes for which it was collected; where the User has withdrawn consent to its processing and there is no other legal basis for processing; where the User has objected to the processing; where the Personal Data has been processed unlawfully; where the Personal Data must be erased in order to comply with a legal obligation under European Union law or the law of a Member State to which the Controller is subject; or where the Personal Data has been collected in connection with the offering of information society services.

5.4. Right to restriction of processing

The User has the right to request restriction of the processing of their Personal Data where: the User contests the accuracy of the Personal Data, for a period enabling the Controller to verify its accuracy; the processing is unlawful and the User opposes the erasure of the data; the Controller no longer needs the Personal Data for the purposes of processing, but the User requires the data for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims; or the User has objected to the processing, pending verification of whether the legitimate grounds of the Controller override the grounds for the User’s objection.

5.5. Right to object to processing

The User has the right to object to the processing of their Personal Data where the User does not want the Controller to process their Personal Data.

5.6. Right to data portability

The User has the right to data portability, including the right to receive from the Controller, in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format, the Personal Data that the User has provided. The User also has the right to request that the Personal Data be transmitted directly by the Controller to another data controller, where technically feasible.

5.7. Right to withdraw consent

The User has the right to withdraw their consent to the processing of Personal Data at any time. Withdrawal of consent shall not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out on the basis of consent before its withdrawal.

5.8. Right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority

The User has the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office (Prezes Urzędu Ochrony Danych Osobowych) where the User considers that the processing of their Personal Data violates the provisions of the GDPR.

For any questions concerning the processing of Personal Data, or in order to exercise the rights described above, please contact the Controller by sending an email to the address indicated above.

6. Cookies

6.1.

PACS2 uses cookies, i.e. small text files stored on the User's end device (such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone), which may be read by PACS2's ICT system.

6.2.

Cookies are text files containing small amounts of information that are downloaded to a personal computer, mobile phone, or other device when a user visits a website. Cookies are then sent back to that website during each subsequent visit, or to another website that recognizes the same cookies. Cookies perform a number of different functions. For example, they enable efficient navigation between pages, remember your preferences, and generally improve your browsing experience. They may also help ensure that advertisements displayed online are more relevant to you and your interests.

6.3.

Below is a list of all cookies used on our Website, categorized as follows:

6.3.1. Necessary Cookies

These cookies are essential to enable you to navigate the Website and use its features, such as accessing secure areas of the Website. Without these cookies, the Website cannot function properly.

6.3.2. Performance Cookies

These cookies collect information about how users use the Website, such as which pages users visit most frequently and whether they receive error messages from web pages. These cookies do not collect information that identifies the user. All information collected by these cookies is aggregated and therefore anonymous. They are used solely to improve the performance of the Website.

6.3.3. Functional Cookies

These cookies allow the Website to remember choices you make, such as your username, language, or region, and provide enhanced and more personalized functionality. These cookies may also be used to remember changes you have made to text size, fonts, and other elements of web pages that you can customize.

6.3.4. Third-Party Cookies

When using our Website, your device or browser may receive cookies from third parties, for example when you use embedded content or links to social networking services, provided that you have consented to their use by selecting the appropriate settings in your browser. It is important to note that we do not have access to or control over the cookies used by these companies or third-party websites. We recommend visiting the websites of the relevant third parties for more information about their cookies and how to manage them. If you disable these cookies, you may still use the Website.

How can you change your Cookie settings?

The Help option in the menu bar of most browsers will provide information on how to enable or prevent your browser from accepting new cookies, how to configure your browser to notify you when new cookies are received, and how to disable cookies completely. You can also disable or

delete similar files used by browser add-ons, such as Flash cookies, by changing the settings of the relevant extensions or visiting the website of the relevant provider.

- **When using a computer:** click the “Help” button at the top of the browser window and select the relevant information/about option. If you are using a MacBook, with the browser window open, click the Apple menu and select the relevant information/about option.
- **For Flash Cookies (or Local Shared Objects):** the Adobe website provides comprehensive information on how to delete or disable Flash cookies.
- **For third-party cookies:** if you wish to disable third-party cookies, adjust your browser settings accordingly.

When you first visit the Website, information about the use of cookies is displayed together with a request for consent to the use of cookies. The User can manage cookies directly through the Website. The User may also change cookie settings through their browser or delete cookies altogether. Please note that disabling cookies may cause difficulties when using the Website.

7. Server Logs

7.1.

Use of the Website involves requests being sent to the server on which the Website is hosted. Each request sent to the server is recorded in the server logs.

7.2.

The logs include, among other things, the User’s IP address, the server date and time, and information about the User’s web browser and operating system. The logs are recorded and stored on the server.

7.3.

The data recorded in the server logs is not associated with specific individuals using the Website and is not used by the Controller to identify Users.

7.4.

The above data is used solely for the purpose of administering the server. Server logs constitute only supporting material used for Website administration, and their contents are not disclosed to anyone other than persons authorized to administer the server.

8. Security of the Website and Personal Data

8.1.

PACS2 implements all necessary technical measures specified in Articles 25, 30, 32–34, and 35–39 of the GDPR to ensure enhanced protection and security in the processing of Personal Data.

8.2.

We maintain the physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards necessary, to the extent required, to protect your Personal Data against loss, misuse, disclosure, and alteration.

8.3.

PACS2 also points out that the use of the Internet and electronically provided services, particularly the use of publicly available Wi-Fi networks, may involve specific ICT security risks, such as the presence and operation of Internet worms, spyware or malware, including computer viruses, as well as exposure to cracking or phishing (password harvesting), among other threats.

For detailed and professional information on maintaining security when using the Internet, PACS2 recommends obtaining advice from entities specializing in this type of IT and cybersecurity services.