



Privacy Notice

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Why are you processing my personal information?

The Department for the Economy (DfE) is collecting and processing your personal data as part of the Local Innovation Partnerships Fund (LIPF) Expression of Interest (EOI) process. The information you provide will be used to assess eligibility, inform the selection of cluster(s) to progress to the readiness check stage, and facilitate communication regarding your application. Your data may also be used to contact you for further information or clarification as part of the assessment process.

Lawful basis for processing:

Our lawful basis for collecting your personal data is that of public task, in accordance with Section 8 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 6(1) (e) of UK GDPR. This basis applies where processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. In this context DfE is fulfilling its statutory functions, which include promoting economic development, supporting regional investment and delivering associated programmes. These functions are underpinned by legislation including the Industrial Development Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 and the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

What categories of personal data are you processing?

We process the following categories of personal data provided in your EOI submission:

- Name
- Email address
- Organisation and role
- Contact details
- Information about your cluster partnership (including supporting partners)
- Opinions, views, and narrative responses relating to your cluster's vision, governance, operational capability, and project pipeline

Where do you get my personal data from?

All personal data processed as part of the LIPF EOI process is provided directly by you (the applicant or your nominated representatives) through the completion and submission of the EOI form.

**Do you share my personal data with anyone else?**

Your personal data will be processed internally by DfE staff for the purposes outlined above. If your EOI is successful, your information will be shared with UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) for readiness check assessment and programme administration.

Any sharing will be strictly limited to what is necessary for the assessment and administration of the LIPF. Your data will not be shared with other third parties unless required by law (e.g., in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000).

Do you transfer my personal data to other countries?

Your personal data will not be transferred outside the UK. If, in exceptional circumstances, a transfer is required, it will be in full compliance with all aspects of the UK GDPR.

How long do you keep my personal data?

We will retain your data for five years from the closure of the LIPF EOI process, in line with the Department's Retention and Disposal Schedule.

Do you use my personal data to make an automated decision about me or for profiling?

No. Your personal data will not be used for automated decision-making or profiling.

What rights do I have?

Not all rights will be applicable as these are based on the legal justification for processing.

- You have the right to obtain confirmation that your data is being processed, and [access to your personal data](#)
- You are entitled to have personal data [rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete](#).
- You have the right to [‘block’ or suppress processing](#) of personal data, in specific circumstances
- You have the right to [object to the processing](#), in specific circumstances
- You have rights in relation to [automated decision making and profiling](#)

If these rights are applicable and you wish to exercise these, please email DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk

How do I complain if I am not happy?



If you are unhappy with any aspect of this privacy notice, or how your personal information is being processed, please contact the Department's Data Protection Officer at DPO@economy-ni.gov.uk

If you are still not happy, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Contact details of the ICO are available at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>