



Privacy Statement

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK) handles your personal data with the greatest of care. Protection of this data is regulated in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the purpose of which is to help protect citizens' privacy. In order to optimally comply with this regulation, EZK has formulated a privacy policy. This privacy statement is a summary of this policy.

What is personal data?

Personal data is data that reveals something about you or that can be connected to you. You share personal data with the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy whenever you contact one of its departments or make use of any of its services. Examples of personal data include your name, your telephone number, your email address, your computer's IP address or your Citizen Service Number (BSN). It includes all data that we can connect to you.

EZK's privacy principles

EZK handles all of your personal data with great care, and to this end, we defined the following privacy principles that must be complied with during the processing of personal data:

EZK only processes personal data if ...

There is a legitimate reason to do so, such as the fulfilment of a legal obligation, to serve your best interests as a data subject, or if data processing is necessary in order to complete a task in the general interest.

EZK has the interests of all data subjects – including you – at heart

During the set-up and management of data processing and registration activities, EZK takes all possible privacy risks into account. The personal data is not stored for any longer than is absolutely necessary for the purposes of the processing activity or activities in question.

EZK is transparent

EZK will inform you in advance of the purpose of and reason for the processing activities, and this information will also be published on EZK's websites.

EZK safeguards your rights

EZK ensures your personal data remains accurate and up to date. For every processing activity conducted by EZK, your data can be viewed and corrected provided no legal provisions are in place to prevent this. Provided it is technically possible and necessary, it is as easy to edit or delete personal data as it is to enter the data in the first place.

EZK is extremely protective concerning the provision of personal data to third parties

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK) exercises the greatest caution and restraint regarding the issue of transferring personal data to third parties. No data is shared with third parties without careful assessment of the lawfulness of such actions.

EZK protects your data

EZK takes appropriate technical and organisational measures concerning the storage and processing of data. Prior to the collection and input of the data, EZK conducts an analysis and takes measures to ensure this personal data is protected.

EZK makes its principles clearly visible to all

EZK visibly demonstrates its compliance with these privacy principles. Regulators, politicians and the general public can always ask EZK to explain how these principles are executed and upheld.

Storage periods

EZK does not store any personal data for longer than is necessary for the purposes of the processing activity, and to this end, it complies fully with the Public Records Act (Archiefwet).

Social media and/or external platforms

In order to provide services via the internet and social media, EZK makes use of external platforms such as Twitter and LinkedIn. EZK wishes to emphasise that it has no control over how these platforms handle your personal data and therefore recommends that you do not share any sensitive data via such platforms. Such data is not required for the purposes of EZK's services.

Data-processing register

EZK maintains a register of all data-processing activities conducted by EZK. This register contains the following information for every data-processing activity: a brief description of the type of data processed, the purpose for which the data was collected, and who is responsible for the processing of the data. In this way, you can verify that we are using your data in accordance with the rules stipulated in the GDPR.

[Register of EZK's data-processing activities](#)

Data protection

EZK employs national and international standards and guidelines in order to ensure the data it processes – including your data – is optimally protected. EZK complies with:

- ISO 27001 and 27002
- The Civil Service Information Security Baseline 2012 and 2017
- Instructions issued by the authors of the GDPR
- Instructions issued by the Dutch Data Protection Authority.

Your rights

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) serves to protect the rights of all data subjects.

- You have the right to know what personal data of yours we process (Article 15 of the GDPR).
- You have the right to have your personal data corrected (Article 16 of the GDPR).
- You have the right to have your personal data deleted (Article 17 of the GDPR).
- You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data (Article 18 of the GDPR).
- You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data (Article 21 of the GDPR).

Data Protection Officer

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (EZK) has a Data Protection Officer (FG: *Functionaris voor Gegevensbescherming*). Any questions you may have about data protection can be sent to the Data Protection Officer by email via PbFG@minezk.nl or by post to the following address:

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