

PRIVACY NOTICE

About ELI

The Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC (ELI) is a research infrastructure with the world's largest and most advanced collection of high-power lasers. As an international user facility dedicated to multi-disciplinary science and research applications ELI provides access to world-class high-power, high-repetition-rate laser systems and enables cutting-edge research in physical, chemical, materials, and medical sciences, as well as breakthrough technological innovations. ELI operates as a single multi-site organisation with complementary facilities specialised in different fields of research with extreme light: ELI Beamlines in Dolní Břežany (Czech Republic), which is directly owned and operated by ELI, and ELI ALPS in Szeged (Hungary), which is operated through ELI-HU Non-profit Ltd., a majority-owned subsidiary of ELI as well. The two facilities are operated under a unified governance and single management structure.

ELI's registered address is Za Radnici 835, Dolní Břežany, 252 41, Czech Republic.

In certain cases, staff members of the two facilities may access personal data to the extent strictly necessary to provide technical or organisational support for ELI's activities. Such processing is carried out under the responsibility and control of ELI as the data controller and in accordance with its internal data protection policies.

Commitment to Data Protection

The protection of personal data is of great importance to ELI. ELI is committed to processing personal data in a transparent and secure manner and in compliance with the applicable data protection legislation, in particular Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Scope of this Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice explains who processes personal data, what data are collected, for what purposes they are used, to whom they may be disclosed, how long they are retained, and what rights data subjects have under the GDPR.

This Privacy Notice focuses primarily on the processing of personal data in connection with ELI's **communication and PR activities** — for example, the organisation of events, taking photographs and videos, publishing information on ELI's website and social media, or sending newsletters. It also covers other related purposes of personal data processing carried out by ELI.

Data Controller and Contact Information

The data controller is **ELI** (The Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC), Za Radnici 835, Dolní Břežany, 252 41, Czech Republic. For all questions or requests concerning the processing of personal data, ELI can be contacted at: dpo@eli-laser.eu.

What Personal Data Are Processed

ELI processes only those personal data that are necessary for specific purposes. This typically includes:

- identification and contact data (name, organisation, e-mail, country of origin),
- data provided in registration forms (e.g. dietary requirements),
- technical data relating to visits to ELI websites (IP address, access logs, cookies),
- photographs and video recordings from events in which individuals may appear.

Purposes of Processing and Legal Bases

ELI ERIC processes personal data only where necessary and on an appropriate legal basis under the GDPR. The table below provides an overview of the main purposes and corresponding legal bases. This list will be expanded further in case of further development of ELI's activities and processes.

Purpose of processing	Description	Legal basis
Website management and security	Storage of logs, IP addresses and technical information necessary for the secure operation of ELI's systems and website.	Legitimate interest (ensuring security and proper functioning of services)
Use of cookies and analytics tools	Use of essential cookies for functionality and analytical cookies (e.g. Google Analytics) to improve services.	Essential cookies: Legitimate interest; Analytical cookies: consent (via cookie banner), with the possibility to withdraw at any time
Registration and event participation management	Processing participant data for registration, communication and organisational purposes.	Legitimate interest/ Performance of a contract
Organisation of events and visits	Processing data necessary for organising travel, accommodation, catering, access to facilities and logistics related to events, conferences or visits.	Performance of a contract / legitimate interest, where appropriate
Photographs and audiovisual recordings from events	Photographs and videos are taken for documentation and PR purposes (website, social media).	Legitimate interest (with right to object); individual/portrait photos based on consent (obtained via the event registration form)
Public relations and marketing activities	Promotion of ELI's activities through media, publications and online channels; outreach and dissemination supporting ELI's user programme and key scientific activities.	Legitimate interest
Newsletters and targeted communication	If individuals subscribe to the newsletter, updates are sent via e-mail with follow up activities and information about future events/activities.	Consent (can be withdrawn at any time)
Cooperation with partner scientific and similar organisations	Sharing limited personal data necessary for the organisation of joint scientific, educational or outreach activities with partner institutions.	Legitimate interest; data sharing governed by appropriate safeguards and cooperation agreements.
Provision of information and mandatory reporting	Transfers of data required under legal or contractual obligations to the European Commission, ELI ERIC Members, representing entities, and funding or grant agencies.	Legal obligation / legitimate interest for institutional reporting
Internal governance and administration	For example, processing personal data for internal reporting, compliance and project management.	Legitimate interest / legal obligation

Photography and events. In the context of public communication and outreach, ELI may take and use photographs or video recordings from its events, conferences and workshops. Group or general event photos are processed based on ELI's legitimate interest in documenting and promoting its activities. Individual or portrait photos (where a specific person is the main subject) are used only with the person's prior consent, which is obtained through the event registration form.

Who May Access Personal Data

Personal data may be disclosed by ELI only to the extent necessary to the following categories of recipients:

- ELI staff involved in the organisation of events, visits, communications and public relations activities (mainly),
- IT service providers and operators of technical infrastructure,
- partner organisations cooperating with ELI on its scientific and related activities (business activities excluded),
- public authorities where required by law,
- providers of analytical or marketing tools (e.g. Google).

Some analytical cookies may be processed outside the European Economic Area, typically in the United States. In such cases, ELI ERIC uses Standard Contractual Clauses and other safeguards to ensure an adequate level of protection.

Data Retention

The retention period depends on the purpose of processing:

- access logs are usually stored for up to one year,
- analytical cookies for a maximum of two years,
- registration data for up to five years after the event unless a longer period is required by law,
- newsletter data for the duration of the consent.

After the relevant retention period expires, the data are securely deleted or anonymised.

Data Subject Rights

Under the GDPR, **data subjects** have the following rights in relation to their personal data:

- right of access,
- right to rectification, erasure and restriction of processing,
- right to object to processing based on legitimate interests,
- right to data portability,
- right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority.

The supervisory authority is:

Czech Data Protection Authority (Úřad pro ochranu osobních údajů), seated Pplk. Sochora 27, 170 00 Prague 7, Czech Republic, www.uoou.cz

ELI responds to any requests without undue delay and at the latest within one month. ELI does not carry out automated individual decision-making or profiling within the meaning of Article 22 GDPR.

Contact

For any questions or to exercise data protection rights, ELI can be contacted at: dpo@eli-laser.eu