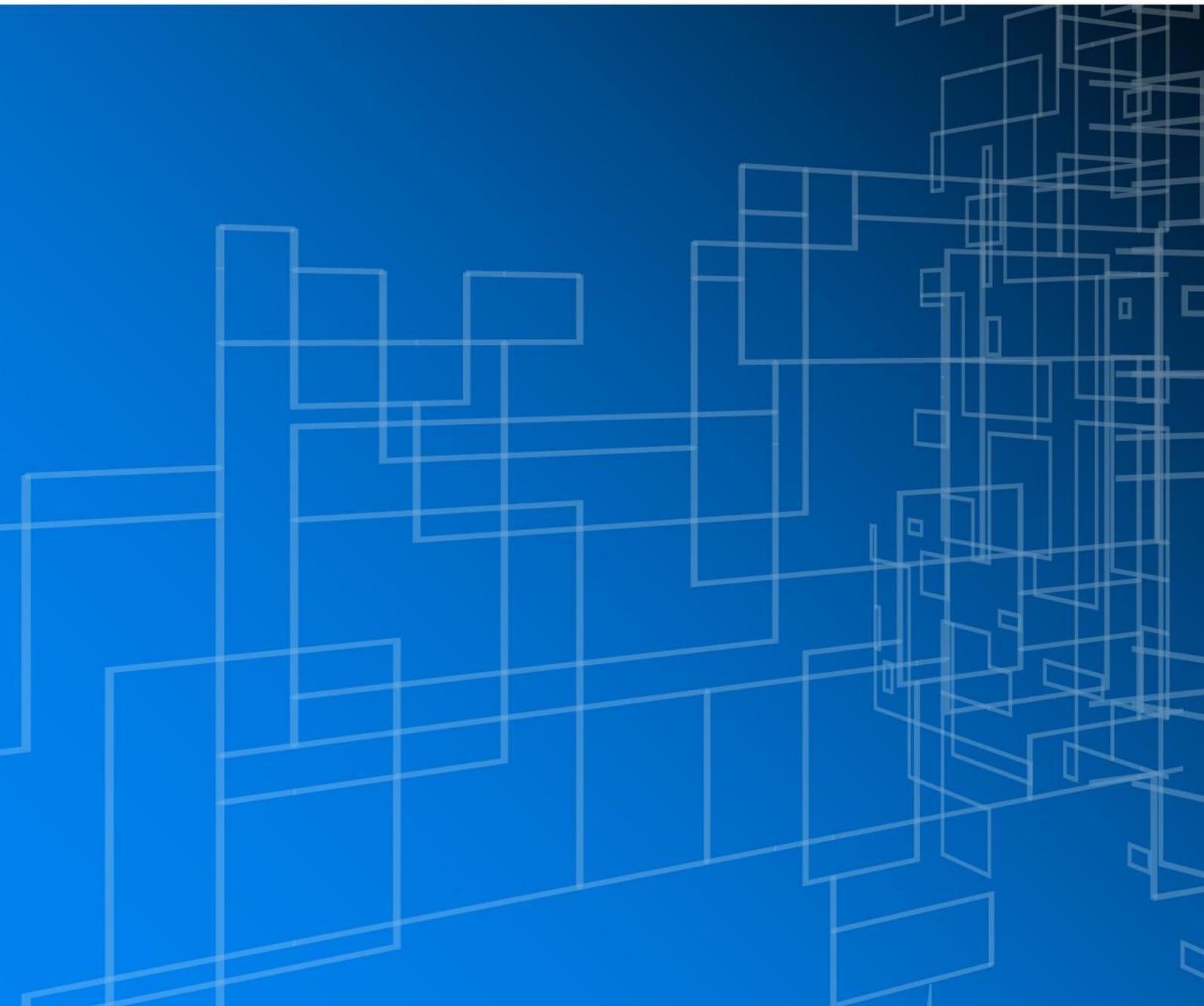


Call for Exploratory Projects in All Scientific Domains 2023

Data Protection

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In the context of the Call for Exploratory Projects in All Scientific Domains - 2023, personal data is collected, and its processing is carried out in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), approved by Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, dated April 27, 2016, concerning the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data. This regulation has been in effect since May 25, 2018, and it repeals Directive 95/46/EC of October 24, 1995, and Law No. 58/2019 of August 8, 2019, ensuring the implementation of the GDPR in the Portuguese legal framework. Personal data is collected exclusively for the purpose of Program and Funding Instrument Management. The processing of data for this purpose is lawful as it is necessary for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest and compliance with legal obligations, according to Article 6(1)(c) and (f) of the GDPR, substantiated in Article 3(2)(a) and (c) of its Organic Law of the FCT, approved by Decree-Law 55/2013 of April 17, and in Regulation 999/2016 of October 31, which establishes the conditions of access and support rules for projects funded exclusively by national funds through the FCT. In relation to evaluators (independent experts and external assessors, whether national or foreign, affiliated with national or foreign institutions), the processing of their personal data is lawful as it is deemed necessary for the execution of a contract in which they are a party or for pre-contractual measures requested by them, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR.

The collection of personal data is carried out:

- a) Directly from the data subjects who provide them through application forms and online platforms, specifically the MyFCT Platform, where the entire application, evaluation, and funding approval process is submitted in a single system; the CIÊNCIA ID Platform, where the national identifier for access to various science services is located; the CIÊNCIAVITAE Platform, where the curricula of all team members associated with the research project are located; and the Science and Technology Portal (PCT), where data from entities responsible for applications are collected, and communication with FCT's interlocutors (individuals and collectives) is conducted. Through this unification, the efficiency of the procedural dynamics is significantly improved, and in the specific case of evaluations, through the recruitment and appointment processes of evaluators.
- b) Indirectly, through beneficiary entities that provide personal data related to the applications.

The personal data pertains, notably, to the following:

- a) Categories of data subjects: Representatives of private non-profit institutions with the main object of R&D activities; Representatives of other public and private non-profit institutions involved in scientific research activities; Representatives of companies of any nature and legal form, as long as they are part of R&D&I projects led by non-business entities in the R&I system; Representatives of foreign institutions as partners in projects; Representatives of participating institutions associated with IP; Representatives of collaborating institutions; Project responsible researchers; Co-responsible researchers of the project; Members of the research team; Consultants; Evaluators (independent experts and external evaluators, national or foreign, affiliated with national or foreign institutions); Representatives of higher education institutions, their institutes, and R&D units.
- b) Categories of personal data: civil identification; contact information; gender, nationality, academic activity; financial information; scientific identification; project identification; authentication; health information (contained in documents necessary to justify eligibility at the time of the project). For the provision of services associated with the MyFCT, CIÊNCIA

ID, CIÊNCIAVITAE, and PCT, personal data are collected under the applicable Privacy Policies.

In fulfilling legal obligations related to the purpose of Program and Funding Instrument Management, data is disclosed to the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Higher Education for the necessary acts of approval, to the CES and ACM, I.P. for consultation regarding evaluator panels, for analysis of the final report of the funded project, and for the disclosure of results on their respective portals. It is also for the definition, implementation, and evaluation of public policies within their respective missions. Other entities not mentioned but with legal legitimacy to request, collect, and process the data in question are not excluded. Personal data may also be subject to international transfer not only to countries within the European Economic Area but also to third countries. In these cases, FCT transfers the data with appropriate guarantees, always ensuring data security using the most appropriate international data transfer tools for this purpose.

FCT assumes the role of data controller, with headquarters at Avenida D. Carlos I, 126, 1249-074 Lisbon, telephone: +351 21 3924300, and has designated a Data Protection Officer, whose contact must be made directly to the email address dpo@fct.pt for all matters related to personal data processed for this purpose. It is further informed that the data will be retained in accordance with legal or regulatory standards or, in the absence of these, as necessary for the pursuit of the purpose.

Through any of the contacts indicated above, and without prejudice to the limits provided by law, data subjects have the right to request access to personal data concerning them, its rectification, or erasure, the observance of the limitation of processing of their data, and the portability of data when technically possible. They may also object to processing or withdraw consent previously given, if applicable.

Without prejudice to direct notification to FCT, through the contacts provided here, the data subject may also directly complain to the National Data Protection Commission (www.cnpd.pt), using the contacts provided by this entity for this purpose.

FCT may also process personal data for purposes of public interest archiving, scientific or historical research, or statistical purposes, respecting the principle of data minimization, including anonymization or pseudonymization whenever the intended purposes can be achieved by one of these means.

If personal data are processed for public interest archiving, scientific or historical research, or statistical purposes, the rights of access, rectification, limitation of processing, and objection provided for in Articles 15, 16, 18, and 21 of the GDPR are impaired, to the extent necessary, if these rights are likely to make it impossible or seriously impair the achievement of these purposes.

To ensure the protection of processed personal data, FCT implements strict and internationally recognized rules that apply to all those who legally handle personal data. Security measures, both technical and organizational, are adopted to protect the personal data provided, such as confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of the processed data. These measures are coordinated with the duties of publishing lists of approved and disapproved applications and lists of evaluator panels, ensuring by default that the data is locatable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable.

