

AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ Training Courses

Data Management Policy

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General Data Protection Regulation Compliance

The AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project partners are subject to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force on 25th May 2018. Data that is collected and processed for the purposes of facilitating and administering AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses is therefore subject to GDPR.

Overall management of AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses is provided by Wageningen University in collaboration with AquaTT and the coordinating AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project partner offering the training course.

Personal Data

To manage the application, selection, monitoring and evaluation processes for AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses, it is necessary for some personal data to be requested and processed as set out below.

Training Course Applicants

AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course applicants are required to submit personal data as part of the application process. Personal data means all data relating to a living individual who is or can be identified either from the data or from the data in conjunction with other information that is in, or is likely to come into, the possession of the data controller (i.e. AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project partners). For the purpose of AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses, applicants are required to provide the following personal data:

- Name
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Organisation name
- Organisation type
- Gender
- Country
- Position
- Highest qualification (BSc/MSc/DVM/PhD)
- Research category
- Previous relevant experience
- Additional (in relation to requiring additional support)



Some of this personal data may be made publicly available for the purposes of reporting project results, or because of a legitimate freedom of information request (e.g. name, organisational affiliation, gender). However, all other personal data will be treated as confidential (see *'Confidentiality, Data Use and Data Sharing'* section). For instance, for applicants who are unsuccessful in applying for AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses, all personal data will be considered confidential and will not be used or passed to any other parties outside of the project partners. Similarly, some personal data is additional CV information such as qualifications and previous relevant experience. This is used for the purposes of evaluating training course applications. This personal data is not passed on to external parties such as the European Commission and is treated as confidential.

An additional type of personal data is sensitive personal data which is specifically defined within the GDPR and includes ethnic, religious, political, sexual, health and some other data. No sensitive personal data is requested as part of the AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course application process. Any sensitive data that is given e.g. within the applicant's application form will not be transferred into any other records or processed or used in any way.

Non-Personal Data

Non-personal data provided at the application stage or generated during the processing and execution of an AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course will generally be regarded as confidential. Where required, such data may be shared with the EC. Data may also be aggregated and shared publicly. The use of project data is covered by other regulations and policies and it is recommended that each training course provider formalise a separate data management agreement.

Confidentiality, Data Use and Data Sharing

To process applications, it is necessary that all the data provided by the applicant is transferred between AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ partners (i.e. AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ organisations across jurisdictions). This data is also shared with any experts employed by the European Commission to evaluate the project. Data provided for the purposes of applying for AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training courses will only be used for these purposes and will not be passed on to third parties unless required for legal or other contractual purposes.

All partner organisations are signatories to an agreement that includes extensive expectations concerning maintenance of confidentiality and protection of privacy where appropriate. Individuals who are not employed by an AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ partner organisation but who may require access to confidential and personal data for the purposes of training course planning, management or coordination are required to sign separate undertakings of confidentiality.

Data Security

All submitted data will be held on computer systems that meet local requirements for data security, which generally include password-controlled access and frequently data encryption. Personal and confidential data will not be transmitted directly by unencrypted e-mail. AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course applications are administered and managed by AquaTT (Ireland) in collaboration with



Wageningen University (the Netherlands) and the participating AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course provider. AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course application forms are first emailed to AquaTT by interested applicants. These application forms are then shared by AquaTT with Wageningen University for the purposes of collating and managing training course applicant details and registrations. Wageningen University also forward this data to the relevant AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project partner responsible for coordination and implementation of the specific training course. We will never share your personal data outside of the project partners without receiving prior permission from you to do so. Application data may also be securely archived by INRA Transfert, the overall AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project coordinator.

Data Access and Deletion

Under GDPR, data subjects (i.e. training course applicants) may request a copy of any personal data held by any AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ partner organisation and may object to its processing and under some circumstances request its deletion. Any such requests will be considered by the relevant partner organisation(s) and referred to the appropriate GDPR responsible person to assist with resolution. If the request is not dealt with to the satisfaction of the applicant, the case may be referred to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS). In general, data which is not contractually or legally required to be held will be deleted, and any errors will be immediately corrected.

Full deletion of personal data will be carried out once the information is no longer legally or contractually required to be held.

Consent

It is a requirement of GDPR that all data subjects (i.e. training course applicants) give explicit consent to the storage and processing of their personal data. A separate Data Processing Consent Form is therefore provided, and this must be completed by any individual applying for an AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ training course. This should be attached to the training course application.

Further information

Information on GDPR and its implementation is available from many government and commercial sources such as <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Further information: for any additional information or clarifications please contact Liam Fullbrook, AquaTT (Liam@aquatt.ie).

Disclaimer: *This document has been compiled based on readily available information about GDPR. If applicants are concerned about the storage and use of their personal information by the AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ project, they should seek qualified legal advice.*