

Privacy Policy — ExtremeXP Website (extremexp.eu)

Horizon Europe Project ExtremeXP

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This Privacy Policy explains how personal data is collected and processed when you visit <https://extremexp.eu> (the “Website”), which presents the Horizon Europe project ExtremeXP (the “Project”).

1) Who we are (data controller / contact)

The Website is operated for the ExtremeXP Project.

For privacy and data protection matters related to the Website, you can contact us via the dedicated “**Contact**” section available on the Website.

2) What personal data we collect

Depending on how you use the Website, we may process:

A. Data you provide voluntarily

- **Contact requests:** name, email address, and the content of your message when you use the contact form or email us.
- **Account registration / login:** identification and contact details provided during registration, login credentials (passwords stored in protected/hashed form), and any profile details you choose to provide.
- **Newsletter subscription:** name and email address.
- **Event or beta-test participation:** information submitted to register your interest or participation (e.g., organisation, role, country, preferences, comments).

B. Data collected automatically

When you browse the Website, we may automatically collect:

- **Technical and usage data:** IP address, device and browser information, pages viewed, dates and times of access, referring URLs, and security or diagnostic logs.
- **Cookies and similar technologies:** see Section 6.

3) Why we process your data

We process personal data to:

- Operate and secure the Website (performance, troubleshooting, preventing abuse and fraud).
- Respond to your messages and requests.
- Create and manage user accounts, including authentication and account-related communications.
- Manage newsletter subscriptions and send Project communications.
- Organise Project-related activities (e.g., beta-tests, masterclasses, challenges).
- Measure and improve the Website.

4) Legal bases (GDPR)

When the GDPR applies, we rely on:

- **Consent** (e.g., newsletter subscription, non-essential cookies, participation sign-ups).
- **Contract or pre-contractual steps** (e.g., creating and managing a user account you request).
- **Legitimate interests** (e.g., operating, maintaining, securing, and improving the Website; responding to enquiries), balanced against your rights.
- **Legal obligation** (e.g., compliance with lawful requests).

You may withdraw your consent at any time (see Section 9).

5) Who we share data with

We may share personal data with:

- **Service providers** that support Website operation and communications (e.g., hosting, IT maintenance, email delivery, security services). They act on our instructions and are contractually required to protect your data.
- **Project partners** involved in organising activities you sign up for, when necessary to administer those activities.
- **Public authorities**, when legally required or necessary to protect rights and security.

We do not sell personal data.

6) Cookies and similar technologies

The Website may use:

- **Strictly necessary cookies** (e.g., navigation, security, session management, login functionality).
- **Preference cookies** (e.g., remembering choices).
- **Analytics/statistics cookies** (e.g., understanding Website usage).
- **Marketing cookies** (for tracking or advertising purposes).

Non-essential cookies are set only after your consent via a cookie banner or settings panel. You can also control cookies through your browser settings. Disabling certain cookies may affect Website functionality.

7) International transfers

Some service providers or Project partners may be located outside your country. When personal data is transferred internationally, appropriate safeguards are applied, such as adequacy decisions or Standard Contractual Clauses.

8) Data retention

Personal data is kept only as long as necessary for the purposes described above:

- **Contact messages:** retained for the time needed to handle your request.
- **Newsletter data:** kept until you unsubscribe, and for a limited period afterwards for compliance purposes.
- **Account data:** kept while your account is active. Inactive accounts may be deleted or anonymised after a reasonable period or upon request.
- **Logs and security records:** retained for a limited period for security and audit purposes.

Retention periods may vary depending on operational needs and legal requirements.

9) Your rights (GDPR)

You may have the right to:

- Access your personal data.
- Rectify inaccurate data.
- Request deletion in certain cases.
- Restrict processing in certain cases.
- Object to processing based on legitimate interests.
- Receive your data in a portable format.
- Withdraw consent at any time.
- Lodge a complaint with your local data protection authority.

To exercise your rights, contact us using the details in Section 1.

10) Security

We implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data, including access controls, monitoring, and protection of authentication data. While no system is completely secure, we work to minimise risks and respond to incidents.

11) Third-party links and embedded content

The Website may contain links to third-party websites or embedded content (e.g., social media, document platforms, videos). When interacting with third-party services, their own privacy policies apply.

12) Children

The Website is not intended for children, and we do not knowingly collect personal data from children in violation of applicable law.

13) Changes to this Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. The “Last updated” date indicates when changes were made.