

# IEEE Data Privacy Guidelines & Working Group Communications

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# What is GDPR?

- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union (EU) regulation regarding personal data. The aim of GDPR is to protect individual privacy and empower individuals so that they have greater control over how companies or organizations that offer goods or services to EU citizens, no matter where they live in the world, use and share their personal data.
- Examples of personal data that may be covered under the GDPR include:
  - Name
  - Photo
  - Email
  - Address
  - Posts on social networks
  - IP address
- When did it go into effect?
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# How does GDPR affect IEEE?

- To ensure compliance, as well as respect the privacy of all individuals, IEEE has decided to apply GDPR standards to all individuals and not only European citizens.
- IEEE has been carefully reviewing and redesigning our privacy policy, business processes, and how we collect, use, share and retain the personal data of our members, customers, volunteers, and professional staff worldwide.
- **Impact to IEEE Volunteers**
- We value your contribution to IEEE and strongly believe in ensuring any use of personal data by you, in your IEEE volunteer role, is compliant with the GDPR. To do so, IEEE has worked toward making the necessary updates needed. Many of these items are either completed or in progress.
- IEEE needs to ensure that all current data is compliant with GDPR.
- All mailing lists, email address data, etc. collected in the past without consent will need to be deleted or become compliant.
- In addition, instructions will be provided to collect explicit consent for some types of communications you conduct in your role as an IEEE Volunteer.
- Guidance on what and how to collect personal data and handle that data in a compliant way

# How does GDPR affect IEEE?

## ➤ What choices will I have when asked for consent?

- You will hold the *right to object* if IEEE is processing data for direct marketing
- You will hold the *right to be forgotten*
- You can consent to IEEE using your data for the purposes stated when your personal data was collected.

## ➤ What is being done to ensure IEEE is compliant with GDPR?

- Inventory existing applications that collect, process, or store personal data
- Create new processes where necessary
- Update existing processes to comply with GDPR
- Prioritize applications that need updates and recommend changes where needed
- Add language and checkboxes where data is collected to gain explicit consent
- Engage in communications to gain explicit consent from people in existing databases

# How Will this Affect Me?

## ➤ **What does GDPR mean to me?**

- IEEE values our relationship and we care about ensuring that your privacy is protected under these new regulations. We want to make sure we continue to provide you with IEEE updates, information on new products and services, and various other opportunities that you receive from IEEE today.
- You will be required to consent to our privacy policy in order:
  - To continue to receive various communications from IEEE
  - For IEEE to be able to process your personal data

## ➤ **What does consent mean?**

- Consent means that you allow us to use your personal data, as outlined in the privacy policy, and so that we can provide information about IEEE activities that you are interested in.

# Changes in Data Privacy

- Change in perspective
  - Reduce the amount of personal data collected to limit it what is needed
  - Obtain consent for use of the data you collect and distribution to other parties
  - Limit access to personal data to only those who need access
  - Reduce the possibility of unauthorized access to that data (remove, anonymize, or encrypt)
  - Secure the data you collect
  - Delete the data when possible
- Change in actions
  - Change in the way you collect data, including the requirement to obtain consent
  - Change in the tools you use, as the tools themselves will need to be compliant
  - Change in communication, as the type of communication is determined by the person's interaction with IEEE
  - Change in process of using personal data, as consent has to be mapped to use
  - Change in responsiveness, as requests to "unsubscribe" will need to be honored promptly and any breach will need to be immediately reported

# IEEE Privacy Policy

- Consent to the IEEE Privacy Policy must be obtained where personal data is collected, unless confirmation is obtained that consent was previously granted
  - This consent is required prior to allowing the submission of personal data
  - An email notification will be sent to those who provided consent whenever there are updates to the IEEE Privacy Policy
  - Wherever personal data is captured, the purpose for capturing the data must be clearly stated so that it is understood what consent is being provided
- Several IEEE tools will be integrated with the IEEE Consent Management System, so they will automatically check for consent to the IEEE Privacy Policy before providing access, and will require consent prior to proceeding

[Additional Information: http://sites.ieee.org/gdpr/](http://sites.ieee.org/gdpr/)



# IEEE Privacy Policy

- Since consent to the IEEE Privacy Policy is required for all instances where personal data is collected, you will need to incorporate the capture of this consent and communication of the consent to the IEEE Consent Management System in registration forms (including event registration) or web forms that collect personal data
  - Note that email is not an appropriate mechanism for collecting personal data, and must not be used to collect sensitive personal data
- IEEE-SA has a capture consent mechanism that non-IEEE sites can link <https://engagestandards.ieee.org/IEEE-SA-Privacy-Policy-Acceptance.html>
- If data is collected in a non-IEEE application or non-IEEE site, the collection of the data must be compliant, and consent must be uploaded to the IEEE Consent Management System promptly
  - IEEE is currently testing a tool to allow authorized Data Managers to upload consent
  - There will be file naming and file format conventions that must be followed
  - The data fields for consent must be provided so that IEEE retains an audit of the consent

# Your Personal Data

- IEEE Standards captures your personal data to comply with IEEE standards development policies and procedures, legal and accreditation requirements, and for patent review
- Your name & affiliation must be retained and made publicly available to document participation in standards development meeting and other IEEE-SA activities
  - Membership rosters
  - Attendance lists
  - Ballot lists
  - Participant lists
  - Contributors to IEEE standards projects and activities
- Your personal information is required to perform your role
  - Governance volunteers are listed for governance committees to which they are appointed or elected, and contact information is provided in the IEEE-SA Pocket Directory
  - Sponsors and WG officers are listed as contacts for IEEE-SA work items for which they are responsible, including on the PAR
  - Working group members and balloters are listed in the front matter of IEEE standards

# Maintaining Lists and Rosters

- Lists – Lists with personal data shall be stored on IEEE databases. Once Stored, all lists on personal computers, personal databases, personal servers, or personal drives must be deleted
- Tools -If information downloaded from IEEE tools (eg, Comment Resolution Files, rosters) contain personal data, the personal data must be deleted before distribution, and must be removed or hidden before it can be shown publicly.
  - Appropriate Personal data that can be made public - name, affiliation and member list
- Public Rosters (Posted on Website)
  - Shall contain **only** Name & Affiliation of **working group members, in accordance with policy and procedures**
  - can show Member status (voting and non-voting).
  - A public roster shall not contain any information on guests, participants, observers, only members.
- Private Rosters (used by Working Group officers to manage membership)
  - Shall contain Name, Affiliation and email of all attendees, **in accordance with policy & procedures**

# Clarification on Rosters

- The public roster is a list typically placed on an outward posted website (WG website like IMeet or Wordpress site) The list shows the names of members of the WG, Subcommittee or main members. This Public roster should only show the Name, Affiliation and if they are a member or non-member.

The sign in sheet is used at a WG meeting to indicate attendance for a particular meeting. The sign in sheet used in the PE/Transformers Committee meeting is a download from AMS/123Signup system (The Sheet that the participants have been initialing or adding in as a guest). The difference is this sign in sheet for meetings is not posted publicly online so it is not the same as a Public Roster and it can contain the name, affiliation and membership status which is acceptable.

The sign in sheet is used to update a Private Roster which the leadership should only have access to update their participants into in the AMS/123Signup system, particularly in the Transformer committee. The Private roster can contain, Name, Email and affiliation of all the attendees.

# Attendance and Sign-in Sheets

- May use **blank sign** in sheet and have attendees provide all information, with IEEE disclaimer on the top. A sign-in sheet template can be downloaded or obtained from your Program Manager.
- May use **pre-printed sign in sheet with only Name & Affiliation of participants**, with IEEE disclaimer on the top, located below.
- **DISCLAIMER:** “By choosing to attend and sign in to this meeting, you acknowledge and agree that your personal data will be documented for IEEE standards development purposes to comply with policies and procedures, legal and accreditation requirements, and evaluation of patent claims by patent offices. IEEE must capture your personal data for these purposes, and will provide information about activities related to standards development groups in which you participate. IEEE standards development participation is documented through various methods, e.g., rosters, submission documents, email reflectors, records of meeting attendance, responses to ballots, publicly available participation lists, and declaration of affiliations. See the IEEE Privacy Policy at <https://www.ieee.org/security-privacy.html>.”
- Shall **NOT** have pre-printed sign in sheet **containing email, and other personal information**. Individuals would need to write in email.

# Sample Sign in Sheet

[insert WG Name] Working Group Meeting Sign-In Sheet [insert mm/dd/yyyy]

*By choosing to attend and sign in to this meeting, you acknowledge and agree that your personal data will be documented for IEEE standards development purposes to comply with policies and procedures, legal and accreditation requirements, and evaluation of patent claims by patent offices. IEEE must capture your personal data for these purposes, and will provide information about activities related to standards development groups in which you participate. IEEE standards development participation is documented through various methods, e.g., rosters, submission documents, email reflectors, records of meeting attendance, responses to ballots, publicly available participation lists, and declaration of affiliations. See the IEEE Privacy Policy at <https://www.ieee.org/security-privacy.html>.*

Name	Employer	Other Affiliations	eMail Address	Sign-in

## Standards Dev. Email Distribution Lists

- Transformers Committee uses 123Signup as their email distribution system which PES is working to ensure is GDPR compliant
- If your email communication does not require interaction between the email addresses (eg. agenda, meeting announcements), then you should blind copy (BCC) the participants
- The preferred method for email distribution is via IEEE ListServ.
- To request an IEEE Mailing-List contact your Program Manager.  
<https://listserv.ieee.org/request/add-listserv.html>

# IEEE Privacy Policy Acknowledgement

You may complete the IEEE Privacy Policy form via the following URL below

<https://engagestandards.ieee.org/IEEE-SA-Privacy-Policy-Acceptance.html>



# Meeting Minutes & Non-Listserv Email Communications

- **Meeting Minutes** - Can be posted publicly
  - Minutes can contain;
    - Meeting participants
    - Affiliation
    - Voting member status at the end of the meeting
- **Non-Listerv Email Communications:**
  - Agendas
  - Meeting Notices, Etc.
- Emails shall only be sent to those participants who have accepted the IEEE Privacy Policy. You will have to verify your list through the IEEE tool prior to sending an email. If the participant has not accepted the Privacy Policy, you should not be emailing them.

# Email inbox and Hard Drive

- With Regards to Personal info and Lists in Email Inbox & Hard Drive
- Recommended to delete files from personal computer after its been saved to a GDPR compliant site. ( i.e Imeet)
- Empty download folder
- Going forward it is recommend to remove attachments from email if they contain WG participant information (ie, roster) and store in IEEE Google Drive.
- **IEEE Member may obtain a Google Apps account here:**  
<https://www.ieee.org/membership/products/google-apps.htm>
- For support articles on Google Drive and folder sharing:
  - <https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424384>
  - <https://support.google.com/drive/answer/7166529>

# Awards

- The officers should be able to collect mailing addresses also if they want awards mailed to participants. If they have the addresses, then they only have to ensure that all members accepted the IEEE Privacy Policy so we can send the awards.

# GDPR and Other Countries

- **Is it expected that other countries will follow the trend and create their own version of GDPR? If so, how will this affect IEEE?**
- Other countries have already created regulations similar to the GDPR and additional countries are expected to follow the trend in the future. IEEE believes that by treating all individuals interacting with us as if the GDPR were applicable to them now we will be able to more easily respond to any additional requirements in the future.
- *Visit the IEEE Support Center to browse the IEEE knowledgebase for answers to frequently asked questions about GDPR, submit a question, or chat with a Contact Center Associate, available to assist you 24/5, Sunday 4:30pm – Friday 4:30pm.*

# Questions?

For Additional Info Email: [Privacy@ieee.org](mailto:Privacy@ieee.org)

For Standards Related Questions Email: [sa-dataprivacy@ieee.org](mailto:sa-dataprivacy@ieee.org)

# Thank You!

# Additional Resources

- IEEE-SA Standards Board Bylaws
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/bylaws/>
- IEEE-SA Standards Board Operations Manual
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/opman/>
- IEEE-SA Baseline Operating Procedures
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/audcom/bops.html>
- IEEE Standards and the Law
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/develop/policies/stdslaw.pdf>
- IEEE Policies
  - [https://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee\\_policies.pdf](https://www.ieee.org/documents/ieee_policies.pdf)
- IEEE-SA Website
  - <http://standards.ieee.org/index.html>