

# AQUAEXCEL3.0 Training Courses

## Data Management Policy

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### General Data Protection Regulation Compliance

The AQUAEXCEL3.0 project partners are subject to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Data that is collected and processed for the purposes of facilitating and administering AQUAEXCEL3.0 training courses is therefore subject to GDPR.

Overall management of AQUAEXCEL3.0 training courses is provided by Wageningen University in collaboration with ERINN Innovation and the coordinating AQUAEXCEL3.0 project partners offering the training course.

### Personal Data

To manage the application, registration, monitoring and evaluation processes for AQUAEXCEL3.0 training courses, it is necessary for some personal data to be requested and processed as set out below.

#### *Training Course Applicants*

AQUAEXCEL3.0 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. project partners). For the purpose of AQUAEXCEL3.0 training courses, applicants are required to provide the following personal data:

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

Some of these 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), and will not be used or passed to any other parties outside of the project partners.

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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 partners (i.e. AQUAEXCEL3.0 organisations across jurisdictions). This data may also be shared with any experts employed by the European Commission to evaluate the project. Data provided for the purposes of applying for AQUAEXCEL3.0 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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 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. AQUAEXCEL3.0 training course applications are administered and managed by ERINN Innovation (Ireland) in collaboration with Wageningen University (the Netherlands) and the participating AQUAEXCEL3.0 training course providers. AQUAEXCEL3.0 training course application forms are first emailed to ERINN by interested applicants. These application forms are then shared by ERINN with Wageningen University for the purposes of collating and managing training course applicant details and registrations. Wageningen University also forward these data to the relevant AQUAEXCEL3.0 project partner responsible for co-ordination 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 INRAE Transfert, the overall AQUAEXCEL3.0 project manager.

## Data Access and Deletion

Under GDPR, data subjects (i.e. training course applicants) may request a copy of any personal data held by any AQUAEXCEL3.0 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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 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 ERINN ([karla@erinn.eu](mailto:karla@erinn.eu)).

**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 AQUAEXCEL3.0 project, they should seek qualified legal advice.*