



## PRIVACY NOTICE

### Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons

The European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere ("ESO") is an intergovernmental organisation, entrusted with privileges and immunities necessary to fulfil its mission, as defined in the *Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere*, signed on 12 July 1974.

Within the fulfilment of its mandate ESO is committed to the protection of personal data, which is processed in accordance with the Organisation's own framework - the ESO Personal Data Protection Policy.

This privacy notice specifies why and how your personal data are collected and processed by or on behalf of ESO.

#### **a) What is the "Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons"? For what purposes does ESO collect and process your data?**

In June 2024 ESO launched the [Expanding Horizons](#) process to select its next transformational facility, scheduled to begin operations in the 2040s. At this stage, the focus is on identifying which transformational scientific questions may need to be addressed in the 2040s, with the definition of the facility to be shaped accordingly. As part of Expanding Horizons, a Call for White Papers is issued. The White Papers will be used to give an overview of the scientific questions of interest to the ESO's astronomical community, and to inform the organisation of a workshop in 2026 to further refine the scientific case.

The personal data of authors/co-authors of the submitted White Papers will be used to better understand the demographics of the community.

#### **b) What kind of personal data does ESO collect and process in the scope of Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons?**

Upon your submission, we will hold the following categories of data related to you:

- **Identity and contact data** (name, surname, email address, gender);
- **Professional Career stage**;
- **Professional information** (institutional affiliations).

We may also process the above personal data concerning the White Paper co-authors, if and as provided by you.

#### **c) To whom is your data disclosed? Who can access your data?**

Your personal data will be treated with confidentiality and disclosed only to:

- **Identity and contact data** (Name, Surname, email address – excluding gender): to the Expanding Horizons Team at ESO (Director General, Directors for Science and Engineering, Communications Lead) and the member of the Senior Scientific Committee of Expanding Horizons
- **Institutional affiliations**: to the Expanding Horizons Team at ESO (Director General, Directors for Science and Engineering, Communications Lead) and the member of the Senior Scientific Committee of Expanding Horizons
- **Gender and Professional Career stage**: only to the Communications Lead of Expanding Horizons



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### **d) What rights can you exercise in accordance with the ESO Data Protection Policy?**

In accordance with Section 3. Rights of data subjects of the ESO Personal Data Protection Policy, you have the right to:

- Receive confirmation as to whether personal data relating to you are being processed, provided that you can prove your identity to an extent that ESO considers satisfactory and unless important public interests require that access be denied;
- Request the correction of incorrect or incomplete personal data that concerns you.

You have the right to request additional information about the handling of your personal data in accordance with letter i) of the present privacy notice.

### **e) Retention: How long does ESO store your data for?**

The personal data collected will be retained until the completion of the Expanding Horizons process, currently foreseen for the end of 2028.

### **f) How can you withdraw the consent you provided to ESO?**

Submissions to the Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons are fully voluntary and constitute an expression of your consent to the collection and processing of information in accordance with the present privacy notice.

Please note that, once submitted, any personal data processed in connection with the submission cannot be removed. Submissions of the White Papers may be withdrawn as per information provided on <https://next.eso.org/call-for-white-papers/>.

### **g) What safeguards does ESO apply when transferring your data to third parties?**

Your personal data is only provided to the very limited number of members of the Senior Science Committee for the performance of their tasks (see section c) above).

### **h) What measures does ESO implement to avoid misuse or unauthorised access to your data?**

ESO is committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure ESO has put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information collected.

For Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons submissions, ESO relies on Microsoft services; as such, Microsoft acts as a data processor under our license agreement and processes data according to the contractual arrangements in place.

### **i) Whom to contact to exercise your rights or in case of questions?**

For any queries related to your personal data processed and collected in the scope of Call for White Papers for Expanding Horizons, please contact: [pdpr@eso.org](mailto:pdpr@eso.org)



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As the collection and processing concerned by this privacy notice is performed by ESO's Department of Communication, your questions will be dealt with the support of the Communications Lead of Expanding Horizons.

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