

# **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

In the course of processing personal data collected for the purposes of executing the **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Plant Health in Sustainable Cropping Systems (“PlantHealth”)**, the PlantHealth Consortium (“Consortium”) institutions are committed to preserving the privacy of natural persons participating in the Programme.

As the management of the Programme requires the recording and processing of personal data by the Institutions, all data is handled in accordance with the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679** and applicable national laws.

## **1. Who is responsible for collecting and processing personal data (Data Controller)?**

The data controllers are the following partner institutions of the PlantHealth Consortium:

- **Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV), Spain** (Coordinating Institution)
- **University of Göttingen (UGOE), Germany**
- **University of Padova (UNIPD), Italy**
- **L’Institut Agro (Montpellier/Rennes), France**
- **AgroParisTech (Paris), France**

The Consortium partner institutions qualify as joint data controllers (Article 26 GDPR). The overall operation of the Programme is managed by the Coordinating Institution (UPV), which handles application activities and scholarship management. Most personal data is obtained directly from candidates during the application process and students during subsequent enrolment and participation in the programme.

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## **2. What personal data are processed and for what purpose?**

<b>Processing Activity</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Category of Personal Data</b>	<b>Legal Basis (GDPR)</b>
<b>Application &amp; Eligibility</b>	Communication with applicants and checking admission eligibility.	Name, gender, date/place of birth, citizenship, residence, address, disability and socioeconomic status, contact information, passport and national ID card, other information included in the application.	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Selection Process</b>	Reviewing and evaluating applications by the PlantHealth Selection Board.	CV, Bachelor’s degree, academic transcripts, motivation and added value statements, English certificates, reference letters, Social and financial vulnerability certificates, Declaration of Honour, other documents included in the application.	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship

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<b>Scholarship Management</b>	Selecting candidates for Erasmus Mundus scholarships or other grants.	Residency certificates, time spent in EU, previous EM scholarships.	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Student Agreement</b>	Formalising the terms of the Master's programme.	Full identity details, students' signature	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Scholarship payment</b>	Processing bank transfers for monthly stipends.	EU-bank account details (IBAN/SWIFT), holder name, bank address, student permanent address, Name, date of birth, place of birth, citizenship, scholarship details of the students, enrolment status	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Monthly reports</b>	Monitoring students' attendance	Student current address, programme's attendance, enrolment status, master's activities followed by the student	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Management of mobility between consortium partners</b>	Coordinate mobility of students between partners, ensure the study program and the degree issuing process	Student enrolment and registration data, arrival and departure dates from host institutions, transcript of records, thesis reports, grades	Art. 6(1)(f) Legitimate interest
<b>Academic Records</b>	Issuance of transcripts, joint diplomas, and Diploma Supplements.	Grades, disciplinary action, attendance, credits (ECTS), research topics, thesis.	Art. 6(1)(f) Legitimate interest
<b>Insurance</b>	Providing mandatory health and accident insurance.	Name, gender, birth date, email, citizenship, coverage dates.	Art. 6(1)(b) Contractual relationship
<b>Project Reporting</b>	Monitoring and reporting to the EACEA (European Commission).	Participation data, mobility periods, graduation status, amounts received.	Art. 6(1)(f) Legitimate interest

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<b>Reduction of scholarship</b>	When the student does not meet the minimum mobility requirements, the grant will be proportionally reduced	Name, amount of grant, evidence on the breach of minimum mobility requirements, decision, amount of reduction	Art. 6. (1) (f) Legitimate interest of data controllers
<b>Dispute resolution</b>	Dispute resolution between a student and a Consortium member university	Name, subject of the dispute, evidence, any material or information share by the student	Art. 6. (1) (f) Legitimate interest of data controllers
<b>Website/Social Media</b>	Promoting the programme and alumni achievements.	Photos, names, testimonials' videos, current university/workplace.	Art. 6(1)(a) Consent

### 3. Who has access to your personal data?

Access is strictly limited to the following recipients:

- **Consortium Institutions:** Relevant academic and administrative staff at UPV, UGOE, UNIPD, Institut Agro, and AgroParisTech.
- **EACEA & European Commission:** For monitoring, auditing, and scholarship execution.
- **Insurance Provider:** Currently contracted provider (e.g., AON or similar) for the management of health coverage.
- **IT Service Providers:** UPV institutional email services and IT external contractor (VAT: PT225882698).

### 4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The collected data is stored on secure servers at the **Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV)** and the respective computer centers of the partner institutions. These centers abide by strict EU data protection protocols, including encryption and restricted access.

### 5. How long do we keep your personal data?

- **Grant & Mobility Files:** Retained for the duration of the implementation of the Project and, upon completion, for a period of **5 years** after the closure of the grant agreement (to comply with EU audit requirements).

- **Academic Records:** Kept indefinitely or according to the national legislation of the degree-awarding countries to verify qualifications.
  - **Unsuccessful Applications:** Retained for up to **3 years** for statistical and appeal purposes, then securely destroyed.
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## 6. Your Rights

Under the GDPR, you have the following rights:

- **Access:** To request a copy of the data we hold about you.
- **Rectification:** To correct inaccurate or incomplete data.
- **Erasure ("Right to be forgotten"):** To request deletion of data no longer necessary for its original purpose.
- **Restriction/Objection:** To limit or object to how your data is processed under certain conditions.
- **Withdrawal of Consent:** For activities like social media features, you can withdraw your consent at any time.

To exercise these rights, please contact the PlantHealth Coordination office at [planthealth@upv.es](mailto:planthealth@upv.es). You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the **Spanish Data Protection Agency (AEPD)** or the relevant authority in your country of residence.

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