

# Privacy notice

## Adriatic.hr Excellence Award Competition

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### 1) What data we collect

When you apply via the Google Form, we collect the following data about the applicant:

- full name
- email address
- phone number
- a declaration of enrolment at a higher education institution and that you meet the participation requirements set out in the Competition Terms & Conditions
- a link to the video submission (in English, 1–3 minutes, accessible without requesting access)
- consent to the processing of personal data for the purpose of conducting the Competition (mandatory)

We do not collect additional documents at the time of application, unless this is expressly stated in the Google Form.

### 2) Why we process data

We process data exclusively for the purpose of conducting the Competition, including:

- receiving and administering applications
- evaluating video submissions and creating a ranking list
- contacting applicants (in particular finalists, the provisional winner, and the winner)
- verifying the Competition requirements and the credibility of statements made in the video submission, where necessary (in particular for finalists/the provisional winner)

### 3) Legal bases and consents

Consent to the processing of personal data for the purpose of conducting the Competition (**GDPR consent**) is mandatory. Providing consent is voluntary, but it is a condition of participation because without it we cannot process the application or run the Competition.

Marketing consent is optional and does not affect participation. If you provide it, you may withdraw it at any time.

Consent for publication/promotional use of content (**content consent**) is optional and does not affect the validity of the application. It remains valid until withdrawn.

#### **4) Finalists and submission of evidence (data minimisation)**

After evaluating video submissions, we may select a smaller shortlist of finalists. We may request that finalists/the provisional winner submit evidence to verify the Competition requirements and/or substantiate statements made in the video submission, for example:

- proof of valid student status (e.g., an enrolment certificate), and/or
- other documentation and/or publicly available links that may reasonably substantiate statements made in the video submission (e.g., certificates, decisions, official announcements, links to publications/projects, proof of participation or volunteering, etc.).

Evidence is submitted by email to **excellence.award@adriatic.hr** (or via the communication channel from which we contacted you), within the deadlines set out in the Competition Terms & Conditions. If the submitted document is not legible or does not contain enough information to enable reasonable verification, we may request clarification or resubmission, in accordance with the Terms & Conditions.

Before submitting any documents, please remove/redact any personal data that is not necessary, in particular: home address, date of birth, unique identification numbers (tax/administrative identifiers), document identification numbers, and other unnecessary data. For verification purposes, it is generally sufficient that a document contains only the minimum data needed to enable reasonable verification.

#### **5) Video submission (technical accessibility requirements)**

Your video link must be accessible to the Organiser and the jury without requesting access (e.g., without approval requests, login requirements, or additional authorisation). If we cannot access the video, we cannot evaluate it and the application may be declared invalid in accordance with the Competition Terms & Conditions.

#### **6) How long we keep data**

We keep personal data only as long as necessary for the purpose of conducting the Competition, and no later than **30 days after the results are announced**, to close the process (e.g., completing checks, contacting the winner/reserve winner(s), and administrative closure).

After that period, we delete data from our records and from our Google account (Google Forms/Drive/Sheets) and from the email inbox used for the Competition, unless retention of a

narrower scope is necessary to comply with legal obligations (if applicable) or to establish, exercise, or defend legal claims (to the minimum extent necessary).

**Note (Google):** Applications are collected via Google services. We delete data from our Google tools and restrict access; however, Google as a service provider may retain limited technical copies (e.g., backups) in accordance with its policies and deletion timeframes.

## **7) Publications and promotional use of content**

We do not publish the winner's identity or use videos/photos for promotional purposes without the winner's consent.

If the winner provides content consent when applying for the Competition, the Organiser may, for the purpose of promoting the Competition and future editions and for the Organiser's communications:

- a) publish and/or use the winner's video submission and/or elements of the winner's identity (e.g., full name, voice, image/likeness);
- b) request and receive additional photo/video materials from the winner created during prize redemption (e.g., during the stay/travel), whereby providing such materials is voluntary and within the scope chosen by the winner;
- c) make technical and editorial adjustments to the content under items (a) and (b) (e.g., shorten, cut, add subtitles, combine clips, adjust format and resolution), provided that the meaning of the winner's statements is not changed in a misleading manner.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time for future publications. Withdrawal does not affect the lawfulness of any use that occurred before the withdrawal.

## **8) Who has access to the data**

Only authorised persons of the Organiser and jury members have access to the data, to the extent necessary to conduct the Competition, as well as service providers (e.g., Google) acting as processors. As we use Google services as a processor, personal data may be processed outside the EU/EEA, in accordance with Google's policies and safeguards.

## **9) Your rights**

You have the right to request access to your data, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing and data portability (where applicable), as well as to withdraw consent at any time.

To exercise your rights, contact: [privacy@adriatic.hr](mailto:privacy@adriatic.hr).

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority (in Croatia: **AZOP**).