



PERSONAL DATA POLICY

QUALITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY

The Quality of Local Government Survey is a web survey administered by the University of Gothenburg. The survey is part of the international research project CIVPROF, which seeks to capture bureaucratic attitudes and behaviours amongst top and mid-range civil servants at municipal level in Japan, Spain and Sweden. In accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), this type of research is carried out in the interest of the public. CIVPROF is funded by the Swedish Research Council and Principal Investigator is Victor Lapuente Gine, Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg.

What personal data are we collecting and why?

In some instances (depending on the country in which you are a local employee), CIVPROF has collected information about your name, email, title and the municipality you work for in order to contact you with an invitation to participate voluntarily in the survey. In such cases, we have retrieved your contact details from publicly available information on the internet such as municipality websites. In other instances, the survey has been forwarded to you via a special registrar at your municipality, or via a formal municipal umbrella organization (e.g. the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces in the case of Spain).

During the survey, we collect information about your gender, age, education, birth place, employment, ideological preference, and whether you are or have been a member of a political party, and this information is completely anonymous and cannot be traced to you as an individual. We collect this for two reasons: 1) to study how individual characteristics affect bureaucratic attitudes, and 2) to make estimations about data reliability and validity.

In addition, the survey system collects certain metadata, including your partial IP address, start date and finish date of the survey, survey duration, and survey language. The metadata is used solely to evaluate the progress of the survey and to make future improvements to the survey.

Processing, storing and sharing personal data

Survey data collected is used solely for the purpose of social scientific research. All survey responses are anonymous and cannot be traced to you as an individual.

Personal metadata collected by the survey system is not available to anyone outside the research team at CIVPROF. All survey data is collected and stored at encrypted servers hosted by the University of Gothenburg.

We will store your personal information for five years, until 2028. After this time, your personal data will be erased. However, all anonymous personal data will remain in our dataset. If you have participated in this survey and if we have already collected your contact details beforehand, we might use your contact details for future survey invitations (unless we receive a request from you stating otherwise).

Your rights under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Just as the University of Gothenburg at large, CIVPROF adheres to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This means that you as survey participant have complete control of how your personal data being used.

At all times, you are able to:

- request transcripts of your registered personal data;
- request more information about our use of your personal data;
- rectify any of your personal data;
- request limits to our usage of your data;
- request to transfer your information to a third party;
- request to be removed from our contact list if applicable; or
- remove all your personal information

Should you request to rectify or remove any of your personal data, or should you have questions about our use of personal data, please contact Principal Investigator Victor Lapuente Gine at victor.lapuente@pol.gu.se.

If you have additional questions about the application of the GDPR and the processing of personal data at the University of Gothenburg, please contact the Data Protection Officer at dataskydd@gu.se.

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