

BIO4PAK Privacy Policy

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1. Introduction

This Privacy and Cookie Policy explains how personal data is processed in connection with the BIO4PAK project website available at www.bio4pak.eu (“Website”).

Personal data is processed in accordance with:

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR),

- the Polish Personal Data Protection Act,
- internal data protection policies of the University of Lodz.

The BIO4PAK project is funded under the Horizon Europe programme (EIC Pathfinder).

2. Data Controller and Contact Information

The administrator of your personal data is the University of Lodz with its seat in Lodz, the address ul. Narutowicza 68, 90-136 Lodz. University of Lodz is the data controller responsible for processing personal data collected through www.bio4pak.eu.

Contact details:

Project name: BIO4PAK

Email: iod@uni.lodz.pl

3. Legal Basis for Processing (Art. 6 GDPR)

Personal data is processed on the basis of:

- Art. 6(1)(a) – Consent
- Art. 6(1)(b) – Performance of a contract or pre-contractual steps
- Art. 6(1)(c) – Legal obligations (e.g., grant reporting)
- Art. 6(1)(f) – Legitimate interests (security, analytics, communication)

4. Categories of Personal Data Collected

4.1 Data Provided Voluntarily

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When you contact us or interact with the Website, we may process:

Name and surname,

Email address,

Organisation and country,

Information included in your message,

Data provided in surveys or consultations related to the project.

Provision of data is voluntary but may be necessary to respond to your inquiry.

4.2 Data Collected Automatically

When visiting the Website, the following data may be processed:

- IP address,
- Browser type and version,
- Operating system,
- Language preferences,
- Referring website,
- Pages visited,
- Date and time of access.

This data is processed primarily for security, technical maintenance, and statistical purposes.

Aggregated statistical data does not identify individuals.

5. Purposes of Processing

Personal data is processed for the following purposes:

- Responding to enquiries and correspondence,
- Providing information about BIO4PAK activities,
- Dissemination and communication activities under Horizon Europe,
- Managing events, surveys, and stakeholder engagement,
- Website security and technical maintenance,
- Statistical and analytical evaluation,

Compliance with legal and contractual obligations, including EU reporting requirements.

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6. Data Recipients

Personal data may be shared with:

- IT service providers (hosting, website maintenance, analytics),
- Public authorities where required by law,
- The European Commission / EIC and auditing bodies in connection with grant obligations.

All processors act on documented instructions and under data processing agreements in accordance with Art. 28 GDPR.

7. International Data Transfers

Where personal data is transferred outside the European Economic Area (EEA), such transfers are carried out in compliance with Chapter V GDPR, including:

- Adequacy decisions,
- Standard Contractual Clauses,
- Other lawful safeguards.

8. Data Retention

Personal data is retained:

- For the duration necessary to fulfil the purposes of processing,
- For the duration of the Horizon Europe project,
- For up to five (5) years after the end of the project, in accordance with grant agreement obligations,
- Until consent is withdrawn (where processing is based on consent).

After expiry of retention periods, data is deleted or anonymised.

9. Cookies Policy

9.1 What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files stored on your device when visiting a website.

9.2 Types of Cookies Used

Strictly Necessary Cookies

Required for proper functioning of the Website (no consent required).

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Analytics Cookies

Used to analyse website traffic and performance. These are used only with your consent.

Functional Cookies

Enable remembering preferences such as language settings.

Third-Party Cookies

Embedded services (e.g., video, maps, analytics tools) may place cookies in accordance with their own privacy policies.

The Website does not use cookies for profiling, behavioural advertising, or automated decision-making.

9.3 Cookie Consent

Upon first visit, users are presented with a cookie banner allowing them to:

- Accept all cookies,
- Reject non-essential cookies,
- Customise preferences.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time.

9.4 Managing Cookies

Users may manage or disable cookies through browser settings. Disabling certain cookies may affect Website functionality.

10. Security Measures

The University of Lodz implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against:

- Unauthorized access,
- Accidental loss,
- Destruction or alteration,
- Unlawful disclosure.

Despite these measures, no internet transmission system is fully secure.

11. Your Rights Under GDPR

You have the right to:

- Access your personal data (Art. 15 GDPR),

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- Rectify inaccurate data (Art. 16 GDPR),
- Erase data (Art. 17 GDPR),
- Restrict processing (Art. 18 GDPR),
- Object to processing (Art. 21 GDPR),
- Data portability (Art. 20 GDPR),
- Withdraw consent at any time (Art. 7(3) GDPR).

To exercise your rights, contact: bio4pak@biol.uni.lodz.pl

12. Right to Lodge a Complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority:

President of the Personal Data Protection Office (UODO)

<https://uodo.gov.pl>

13. Children's Data

The Website is not directed to children under 16 years of age. We do not knowingly collect personal data from children.

14. External Links

The Website may contain links to external websites. The Controller is not responsible for their privacy practices.

15. Amendments

This Policy may be updated periodically. The latest version will always be available on www.bio4pak.eu.