European Summit on Conservation Agriculture

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PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

European Summit on Conservation Agriculture (ESCA 2026)

1. Introduction

This Privacy Notice explains how personal data provided in connection with the European Summit on Conservation Agriculture (ESCA 2026) are collected, used, stored and protected, and describes the rights that participants may exercise in relation to their personal data.

The processing of personal data is carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) and other applicable data protection legislation.

2. Data Controller

The Data Controller is the European Conservation Agriculture Federation (ECAF).

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Contact email for ESCA 2026: secretariatESCA@ecaf.org

3. Why do we process your data and on what legal basis?

ECAF processes personal data for the purposes necessary to organise and manage ESCA 2026. These purposes include registration and participant management; communication with registered participants; administration of registration fees, payments and invoicing; management of attendance and catering; preparation of participant materials; event follow-up; and compliance with applicable legal and accounting obligations.

Personal data necessary to register for and participate in ESCA 2026 are processed where necessary to take steps at the participant's request and to manage the registration and participation relationship, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) GDPR. Data required for invoicing, accounting or other statutory obligations may be processed under Article 6(1)(c) GDPR.

Where processing is based on consent, including certain dietary or health-related information, photographs and video recordings, inclusion in participant lists, or future communications, consent will be requested separately in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) GDPR and, where applicable, Article 9(2)(a) GDPR. Consent may be withdrawn at any time without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal.

4. Which personal data do we collect and process?

Only data necessary for the organisation and management of ESCA 2026 will be collected and processed. Depending on the registration category and the information voluntarily provided by the participant, this may include:

- Title, name and surname;
- Organisation or institution, position or job title, and country;
- Email address and telephone number;
- Registration category and, where applicable, proof of student status or a complimentary registration code;
- Attendance information, including the day or days of participation;
- Dietary preferences, food allergies, intolerances or other dietary requirements;
- Billing information, including name or organisation to be invoiced, billing address, VAT or tax identification number, billing email and, where applicable, purchase order or internal reference;
- Preferences and consent choices relating to photographs, video recordings, participant lists and future communications.

5. Dietary requirements and health-related information

Information concerning food allergies, intolerances or other health-related dietary requirements may constitute special category personal data under the GDPR. Such information will only be processed where the participant has given explicit consent and will be used exclusively to organise suitable catering and protect the participant's health and safety during ESCA 2026.

Where necessary, relevant dietary information may be shared with the catering provider or venue. Only the minimum information necessary for this purpose will be shared.

6. Photographs and video recordings

Photographs and video recordings may be taken during ESCA 2026 for communication, dissemination and promotional purposes. Subject to the participant's consent, materials in which the participant is identifiable may be used by ECAF and ESCA 2026 in websites, social media, newsletters, reports, presentations and other communication materials relating to the event and ECAF activities.

Consent for identifiable photographs and video recordings is voluntary and will be requested separately in the registration form. Participants may withdraw their consent at any time by contacting the ESCA 2026 Secretariat. Withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before the withdrawal.

7. Participant list and future communications

If ECAF intends to share a participant list with other registered attendees, only the information expressly indicated in the registration form, such as the participant's name and organisation, will be included and only where the participant has agreed to this.

Consent to receive information about future ECAF events, activities or initiatives is optional and separate from registration for ESCA 2026. A participant may withdraw this consent at any time.

8. How long do we keep your data?

Personal data will be retained only for as long as necessary for the purposes for which they were collected and to meet applicable legal, accounting and reporting requirements.

Registration and invoicing records may be retained for the period required under applicable law. Information processed solely on the basis of consent will be retained until it is no longer necessary for the stated purpose or until consent is withdrawn, unless a longer retention period is required or permitted by law.

9. Who has access to your data and to whom may it be disclosed?

Access to personal data will be limited to persons who need the information for the organisation and management of ESCA 2026. This may include authorised ECAF staff and service providers supporting the event, such as the website or registration platform provider, payment or accounting service providers, the venue, catering providers and communication or technical service providers.

Personal data will only be shared with such recipients where necessary for the relevant purpose and subject to appropriate data protection safeguards. Personal data may also be disclosed to competent public authorities where required by law.

If a service provider processes personal data outside the European Economic Area, ECAF will ensure that any international transfer is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR and is subject to appropriate safeguards.

10. Your rights

Under the GDPR, and subject to the conditions established by law, participants may exercise the following rights in relation to their personal data: the right of access; the right to rectification; the right to erasure; the right to restriction of processing; the right to object to processing; and, where applicable, the right to data portability.

Where processing is based on consent, participants have the right to withdraw their consent at any time. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before the withdrawal.

Participants also have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent data protection supervisory authority. As ECAF is established in Belgium, this may include the Belgian Data Protection Authority (Autorité de protection des données / Gegevensbeschermingsautoriteit), without prejudice to the right to contact another competent supervisory authority where applicable.

11. Contact information

For any questions, requests, concerns or complaints regarding the collection and use of personal data in connection with ESCA 2026, please contact:

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