

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **Correct use of the system (Rules of Ethics)**

By registering in the ERMIS-F service (portal) you accept the terms of correct use and availability of information:

- Do not publish false events
- Do not publish photos, images or drawings with offensive content.
- Do not use abusive language and avoid using concepts or words that
- offend
- Do not publish personal comments to other members of the ERMIS-F community
- Do not publish offensive content or extreme posts
- Do not include links whose validity cannot be verified.

In the event that system administrators detect or are notified of a deviation from the code of conduct, they have the right to delete the material that has been made public/posted, as well as the exclusive right to exclude/delete the user from the ERMIS-F community.

### **How we collect the information you share (upload) on the portal**

You provide all the information you wish to share with other users of the system directly and voluntarily. We post and process the information you upload to our portal when you:

- You share an event in the crowdsourcing application
- You share a post in the social network application
- Participate in a discussion in the social network application
- Share a layer in the Geoportal application (with metadata)

However, only authorized users from competent bodies can upload data and information on the Knowledge Base and Early Warning System applications.

Once you voluntarily share (provide) information in the ERMIS-F applications, you agree unconditionally that this information will be publicly available to both registered users of the service and visitors to the portal. You grant the right to use this information to the ERMIS-F service without any restrictions, and without the obligation to report you as the source of this information (in the applications of the ERMIS-F service this means the "username" in the reports/information that the user has published). Please note that in the event that you decide to unsubscribe from the ERMIS-F service, you agree to the fact that the information you have contributed to the service/portal may remain in the service/portal and continue to be available to other users. It is noted, however, that in any case you have the right to edit/delete the information you have contributed to the system while you are a registered user.

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## PRIVACY POLICY

### **Who are we**

ERMIS-F is a European project (Action) that is part of the **Interreg V-A Cooperation Program "Greece - Cyprus 2014-2020"**, under the priority axis **"Improving joint risk management against natural, technological and humanitarian disasters"** and co-financed by the European Union (ERDF) and from national funds of Greece and Cyprus.

ERMIS-F develops, in its three regions of application (**Cyprus, Crete and North Aegean**), a system of **information, prevention, forecasting and management of natural disasters with a focus on floods**. Using available digital mapping information and with the help of modern computing tools and models, it transforms the theoretical potential for specialists into a practical public service for all, freely accessible.

### **Personal Data**

At ERMIS-F we are committed to the protection of personal data in accordance with the EU [General Data Protection Regulation](#). Your personal data will therefore be governed by the above Regulation. If you have any questions about the processing of your personal data, either about accessing or correcting this data, you can send your request to [info@ermis-f.eu](mailto:info@ermis-f.eu).

Although you can browse through the ERMIS-F website without giving any information about yourself, we do require certain personal information in order to grant you access to some parts of our portal. We treat this data in accordance with our Personal Data Protection Policy.

### **Personal data we collect**

When you register to become a member of the ERMIS-F network or when you subscribe to our newsletter, we store very limited personal data in our system. The following information is entered only in the portal database: name, surname, e-mail, and optionally the name of the organization you belong to. Absolutely no information about the members of the service is made public. In our various applications, only the username (which you have selected) is visible to other users. Only you can see all the details of your profile.

### **How we collect your personal data**

You directly provide us with all the data we store. We collect and process data when you:

- Register online on the ERMIS-F web portal;
- A questionnaire is completed voluntarily or we are given your opinion on some of our applications via mail;
- When using or viewing our portal through the cookies of your browser. See the cookies section below for a detailed description.

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### **How personal data is stored and used**

All the information we collect is stored securely to provide the user with:

- Access to the functions and applications of the ERMIS-F service; in case of new features, our users will receive an update.
- Access to ERMIS-F events. Event participants will receive relevant e-mailings.
- Monthly newsletters for subscribers.
- Other targeted mailings about our services.

ERMIS-F does not copy or modify your personal information in any way and uses it solely for the purposes of the ERMIS-F portal and for newsletters. ERMIS-F will not disclose your personal information to third parties. We will not disclose your personal information for any advertising purposes.

All data are collected from the online "User Profile" form or from other parts of our applications, and are stored securely our system's database. We take all the necessary measures for data security against possible misuse or unauthorized access. The data is stored in a high security server with regular backups. All personal passwords are encrypted.

### **How to access and modify personal data**

You can access all the data you have disclosed to us, at any time, to verify its accuracy, and if necessary to correct it. To do this, please log in to your profile and correct anything you deem necessary.

You can always delete your profile, if you decide to do so. This can be done through one of the applications of our portal (Geoportal, Crowdsourcing, Social Network, Knowledge Base etc.). If you have any difficulty in correcting or deleting your profile, contact us at [info@ermis-f.eu](mailto:info@ermis-f.eu).

There is also the option to stop receiving our newsletters (you must have requested to receive them), and all our emails have the "unsubscribe" option.

### **Privacy Policy of other websites**

The ERMIS-F portal contains links to other websites. Our privacy policy applies only to our website/portal. If you click on a link that redirects to another website, please also read their privacy policy. When you are transferred to another website, your personal data is not transferred in any case.

### **Contact the ERMIS-F website**

The ERMIS-F website has the "Contact Us" option, which activates your email software and invites you to send your comments to a specific email box. When you send us a message, your personal data is collected only for the purpose of sending you a reply. If you have questions about the processing of your email and related personal information, do not hesitate to include them in your message.

### **Cookies**

Cookies are a common tool used by all modern websites. Cookies are very small files that download to your computer to optimize your web browsing experience. For more information, see the Wikipedia article on [HTTP Cookies](#).

### **Our cookies, and how we use them:**

If you create an account with us (by registering in the ERMIS-F portal), we will use cookies for the registration process and for the general management of the functions related to it. Cookies only retain the information necessary to allow the smooth navigation of the application, e.g. selected language and logged-in user information.

These cookies are usually deleted when you log out, however in some cases they may remain so that your browser remembers your preferences after you log out.

We use cookies when you are logged in so that the system can remember that you are logged in. This prevents you from having to sign in every time you visit a new page. These cookies are usually deleted when you log out, to ensure that only you can access locked features and data when logged in.

Our portal offers newsletter or email subscription services, and cookies can be used to remind the system that you are already registered and whether certain newsletters/mail only apply to subscribers or users who have stopped subscribing to them.

### **Disabling cookies**

You can disable the installation of cookies by changing your browser settings (see your browser help instructions for this). Be aware, however, that disabling cookies will affect the functionality of the portal, as well as many other websites you visit. Disabling cookies will result in the deactivation of some functions and features of the portal. Therefore it is recommended that you do not disable **cookies**.

### **Third party cookies**

In some cases we use cookies from secure third party providers.

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At ERMIS-F we maintain this website/portal to provide public access to its content and applications. Our goal is for the information it contains to be up-to-date and accurate, which is almost impossible as new data is added and technology and scientific knowledge change. If malfunctions or errors are found, we will try to correct them. However, we do not accept any liability (and civil liability) in relation to the data and the use of our portal:

- The information contained in this portal is for general use, and for this reason the portal is publicly available. The portal data has been collected (a) by the ERMIS-F consortium (hereinafter "project team"), (b) by competent bodies and (c) by registered users of the system. Although we have endeavored for these data to be up to date and valid, we cannot provide any kind of assurance or guarantee, express or implied (implicitly), and for any purpose, about the completeness, accuracy, reliability, appropriateness or availability of the portal, its applications, information, services, and multimedia components provided or contained therein. Any use of data or applications is at your own risk.
- Under no circumstances will we be liable for any loss or damage, including - without limitation - indirect or consequential loss or damage, or any loss or damage that may result from the loss of data or profits arising out of or in connection with the use of the ERMIS-F portal.
- In addition, the project team is not responsible for any post, message, photo or report published by users of the ERMIS-F service in any of the service's applications: Geoportal, Knowledge Base, Crowdsourcing, Social Network, and Early Warning System. We will make an effort to identify offensive or fake content and delete it, however the project team cannot assume - nor be assigned - responsibility for content that falls into the above categories.
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