

Privacy statement

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1. Register controller

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2. Contact point for matters related to the register

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3. Register name

Eligibility Statements of innovative startup founders coming from countries outside the European Union.

4. Purpose of personal data use and grounds for processing personal data

Legal basis for the data processing is the Finnish Aliens Act (301/2004) 80 § - 80 b §. Before submitting the Startup Permit application to the Finnish Immigration Service, the startup founder must ask for an Eligibility Statement from Business Finland. Personal data can also be used to develop operations on the basis of feedback. Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland processes applications, prepares statement memos and statements.

We may outsource processing tasks to our subcontractors in accordance with the data protection legislation and the boundaries imposed by same. The tasks of Business Finland Oy include tasks that support the operations of Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland in relation to the statements in question. Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland and Business Finland Oy can share information related to statement applications with each other. The maintenance of information systems is outsourced to service providers.

5. Data contained in the register

The register contains the following types of information:

- Main contacts:
 - Name
 - Nationality
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone number
 - CV
 - Passport number
 - Copy of passport

- Other founders
 - Name
 - Nationality
 - CV
 - Passport number
 - Copy of passport

6. Storage period of personal data

10 years

7. Regular sources of information

Information provided by the applicant.

8. Regular disclosure of data and groups of recipients

No

9. Transfers of information outside the EU and the EEA

Personal data is located on servers located in the EU. If any personal data can be processed through our subcontractor from outside the European Economic Area, we will ensure that the transfer of personal data is carried out lawfully and that data protection is at an adequate level.

10. Protection principles of the register

The information system can only be accessed by persons who need such information in their daily work. The data stored in the information system is confidential, since it contains the business secrets of applicants.

Data stored in information systems and backup copies are located in locked facilities which are monitored. The hardware on which the register is located is secured and separated from the public network by a firewall and other technical measures.

The users of the information system (Business Finland personnel) are bound by an obligation to maintain secrecy as laid down in the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999). Employees have also agreed to follow internal data security guidelines.

The purpose of the measures presented above is to secure the confidentiality of personal data stored in the register, the availability and integrity of the data, and the implementation of data subjects' rights.

11. Other rights of the data subject related to personal data processing

Data subject's right to access data (right of inspection)

A data subject is entitled to inspect what personal data has been stored in a register. An inspection request must be submitted as instructed in this privacy statement. The right of inspection may be declined on legal grounds. In principle, using the right of inspection is free of charge.

Data subject's right to request data to be corrected, removed or its processing to be limited

Insofar as a data subject may act independently, they must without undue delay after being notified of an error, or after having detected an error, correct, remove or supplement the incorrect, unnecessary, insufficient or outdated information included in the register, or information that is contrary to the purpose of the register.

If a data subject is unable to correct the information themselves, a request for correction must be submitted in accordance with Section 12 of this privacy statement. A data subject may also request that a register controller limit the processing of their personal data if the data subject is awaiting a response from the register controller to a request to correct or remove information, for example.

Data subject's right to file a complaint with the supervisory authority

A data subject is entitled to file a complaint with a competent supervisory authority if a register controller has not followed the applicable data protection regulation in its operations.

12. Contacts

Data subject should contact the register controller with any questions related to personal data processing and exercising their rights. Data subjects may exercise their rights by contacting dataprotection@businessfinland.fi.

13. Versions

This privacy policy is updated on June 15, 2023. The data controller follows the developments in legislation and will develop its operations constantly, and consequently, retains the right to update this privacy policy.
