

# Privacy Notice

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In the context of the Journal Comparison Service the data controller is the European Science Foundation and Cottage Labs LLP act as the data processor.

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The last update to this privacy notice was made on 24 May 2022.

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## Contact

If you have any questions about the use of your personal data by cOAlition S, or wish to make use of your rights regarding your personal information, please contact us in one of the following ways:

By e-mail: [info@coalition-s.org](mailto:info@coalition-s.org)

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## What information does cOAlition S collect?

In order to **register** to the JCS, users are required to provide the following data:

Name, email address, mobile number.

In addition, the JCS collects personal information about you when you visit its website through server logs. This includes your IP address, the pages that you visit, and the files that you download. Where possible, this information is anonymised or pseudonymised.

The processing is necessary for the performance of tasks carried out by ESF in the public interest.

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Should you choose to submit feedback through the **helpdesk**, we will collect your name and email address to enable us to respond to your query. Additionally, to support us in responding to your query we collect the following information:

- Last search query performed
- Browser name
- Browser Version
- Whether cookies are enabled by the user
- Preferred UI language
- Operating system name
- User Agent
- Browser vendor (e.g. Google)

## How does the Journal Comparison Service use this information?

cOAlition S and Cottage Labs LLP uses all personal information for the purpose that you have provided it for. Information submitted via the feedback function will be used for no other purpose than to respond to your query.

## Does cOAlition S share my personal information with anyone?

We use **Cottage Labs LLP** as data processor. **Cottage Labs LLP** and their sub-processors are third parties who provide elements of services for us. They are based in the United Kingdom.

We have contracts in place with our data processors. This means that they cannot do anything with your personal information unless we have instructed them to do it. They will not share your personal information with any organisation apart from us. They will hold it securely and retain it for the period we instruct.

cOAlition S may share some of your personal information with other parties if it is necessary to provide you with a service that you have requested, or if it is required by law to do so. This may include sharing information with parties that are located outside of the EEA.

cOAlition S will only share the information that is necessary to provide you with the requested service, and only if it has the necessary guarantees that the recipients comply with privacy regulations that offer you the same level of protection as the General Data Protection Regulation does within the EU.

## **Does cOAlition S protect my information?**

cOAlition S and Cottage Labs LLP make every effort to ensure that its servers and data storage, as well as those of third parties that we share your information with, are secured, and that your personal information is not disclosed, destroyed, lost, used, accessed, or modified without authorisation.

## **For how long does cOAlition S keep my information?**

We will store your personal information for 1 year, unless a longer period of retention is required to comply with legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal information, cOAlition S will take into account the amount, type, and sensitivity of the information, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of that information, whether it can achieve the purpose without that information, and any legal requirements.

## **What are my rights regarding personal information and how do I make use of them?**

- inform you what personal information we have on you
- update your information
- delete your information
- provide you with a portable copy of your information
- object to us using your information
- request us to limit the use of your personal information

You also have the right to object, on grounds relating to your particular situation, at any time to processing of personal data concerning you which is necessary to perform a task carried out in the public interest. cOAlition S shall no longer process the personal data unless we demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

To ask us to make any of the above changes, please send an email or letter to [info@coalitions.org](mailto:info@coalitions.org) with your request, along with a copy of your ID card or passport. It needs this identification in order to verify that you are indeed the person who the personal information belongs to.

## Complaints

If you have any complaints related to how cOAlition S handles your personal information or its response to a request to exercise your rights related to that personal information, please contact cOAlition S and it will make every effort to address your complaint in a timely manner. Should you not be satisfied with this, you can also file a complaint with the relevant authority in France:

Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL)  
(National Commission on Information Technologies and Freedom)

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