

# MARA

An tÚdarás Rialála Limistéir Mhuiri  
Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

# AIE Privacy Statement



## **Access to Information on the Environment (Privacy Statement)**

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, or MARA, is a state agency established on 17th July 2023. MARA's functions are set out in the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021, as amended and it has a key role to play in the consenting system for the maritime area, including:

- Assessing Maritime Area Consent (MAC) applications
- Granting marine licencing for specified activities;
- Compliance and enforcement;
- Investigations and prosecutions;
- Administration of the existing Foreshore consent portfolio;
- Fostering & promoting co-operation between regulators of the maritime area.

MARA is a body under the aegis of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and is located in Wexford.

MARA, many of whose activities are carried out on a co-operative basis across multiple business areas, comprises the Board, the Office of the CEO, and a number of work units. MARA works within a network of associated Agencies, local authorities, other Government Departments and public bodies to deliver on the objectives of Government. In order to carry out certain tasks required in the course of the performance of our functions, MARA needs to process certain personal data.

MARA is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in **respect of Access to Information requests**, how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

## **Categories of personal data**

MARA processes the following personal data in respect of **processing Access to Information on the Environment** requests:

- Name;
- Title;
- Email;
- Phone;
- Address;
- Organisation,
- possible sensitive personal Information.

## **Purposes of the processing**

MARA will use your data in order to respond to **Access to Information on the Environment request(s)** submitted by you. MARA will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it was collected. The provision of your personal data is a statutory requirement in order to allow MARA to contact you in relation to responding to your **Access to Information on the Environment** request. You are obliged to provide this data, and failure to do so could

result in your request being deemed invalid and no response issuing to your request.

## **Profiling**

MARA will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of Access to Information on the Environment requests for the purpose of automated decision making or for profiling purposes.

## **Lawfulness of processing**

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR ie. processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;

MARA is also obligated to process Access to Information on the Environment requests under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, which transposed Directive 2003/4/EC on Public Access to Information on the Environment and the first Pillar of the Aarhus Convention into Irish law.

## **Security of your personal data**

MARA implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, **MARA's Breach Management policy and procedures** will be implemented.

## **Recipients of the data**

Personal data may be exchanged with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law.

## **Cross-border Data Transfers**

MARA does not transfer the personal data of its data subjects outside of the European Economic Area unless an adequate level of protection is ensured. Data subjects will be informed where transfers to a third country are in place.

## **How long will we keep your data?**

MARA will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed.

## **Your rights**

MARA's Data Protection Policy sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request. If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commission ([www.dataprotection.ie](http://www.dataprotection.ie)), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

## **Contacting Us**

If you require further information, or wish to access your personal data, please contact the MARA's Data Protection Officer, details below:

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