

Privacy Policy — Scale2Connect Website

The Scale2Connect Consortium acts as the data controller for personal data processed through the Scale2Connect website (<https://scale2connect.eu>). This privacy policy describes how we collect, use, and protect any information you provide to us through the website.

What personal data do we collect?

Personal data is any kind of data pertaining to an identified or identifiable natural person, i.e. an individual, regardless of the form in which it is manifested.

On the Scale2Connect website, the following categories of personal data may be collected, to the extent necessary to achieve the purposes outlined in this privacy statement:

Through the **Contact form** and **Newsletter registration**, only if the user decides to provide them for contacting us / registering. Tentative list of data: Identification data (e.g. first name, surname, pictures, IP address, cookies, photographs); Contact data (email address, zip code); Personal information (e.g. age, date of birth, gender, citizenship).

How and for how long will we be storing your personal data?

Personal data is collected on the basis of your explicit consent.

Application and participant data will be retained for the duration of the Scale2Connect project plus five (5) years thereafter, in line with the EU's audit and reporting requirements , unless you withdraw your consent earlier."

Processing and usage of your personal information

Under the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data (GDPR), your personal data can be managed, collected, and processed only:

- Based on your explicit written or digital consent;
- If collecting your personal information is necessary so that we can conclude a contract with you;
- If the collection of personal data is a subject of applicable law.

What are the purposes for processing personal data?

Your personal data, providing that explicit consent in writing has been given, is handled, collected, and processed by the controller only within the scope of the purposes for which the data has been disclosed.

We commit not to lend or sell your personal information to a third party without prior notice and your explicit written consent, and we will not process it in any way that is not compatible with these purposes.

In accordance with your specific consent, your personal data will be used for the purposes defined below:

Sending electronic notices, news, and newsletters; cooperating at business events organised or co-organised by the partners within Scale2Connect (including the Accelerator Programme, workshops, and Demo Day); keeping records on the participants of such events; publishing contact information in the catalogue of participants, where relevant; and cookies for activities on the website <https://scale2connect.eu>, to ensure a better experience for the website's users. Some cookies allow us to sample and segment visitors, thus providing content that is closest to the interests and preferences of individual users. See the **Cookies** section below for details.

Cookies

When you visit the Scale2Connect website, we ask for your consent to the use of cookies via a cookie banner, in line with the ePrivacy Directive and the GDPR. You may accept or reject non-essential cookies at any time; your preference can be changed by re-opening the cookie settings in your browser or via the consent banner.

We use the following categories of cookies:

- **Strictly necessary cookies** — required for the website to function correctly (e.g. remembering your cookie consent choice, session security). These do not require consent and cannot be disabled.
- **Analytics/performance cookies** — help us understand how visitors use the website (e.g. pages visited, time spent, visit counts), so we can improve content and navigation. Used only with your consent.
- **Functional cookies** — remember your preferences (e.g. selected language) to improve your experience on return visits.

You can withdraw or change your cookie consent at any time through the cookie banner on the website, or by adjusting your browser settings to block or delete cookies. Please note that blocking some types of cookies may impact your experience of the website and the services we are able to offer.

Withdrawal of consent for processing personal data

You have the right to withdraw your consent for the processing of personal data, for one or all of the purposes, at any time.

You have the right to withdraw your consent with a "Withdrawal of Consent" declaration to the data controller.

The written declaration for the withdrawal of consent can be sent to:

e-mail: dpo@envolveglobal.org

In the event of withdrawing your consent for the processing of personal data, the Scale2Connect Consortium will delete all collected personal data.

Your rights as a data subject

As a data subject, you have the following rights with respect to personal data we hold about you, subject to applicable legal restrictions:

Right to erase and rectify inaccurate personal data

You have the right to ask us to correct or supplement inaccurate personal data related to you, and to request immediate erasure of your personal data processed by our consortium. In case of correction, addition, or deletion of personal information, we will inform you without delay.

Right to restrict the processing of personal data

You have the right to demand restriction of processing your personal data in the event of their inaccuracy, illegality, termination of the purpose of the processing, or the submission of an objection.

Right to data portability

You have the right to request from our consortium to provide you with the personal data that it processes in relation to you.

Right to object

In addition to the right to withdraw consent, you may object to all or part of the processing of your personal data.

You can exercise any of these rights by written request to the controller, sent to the e-mail address above.

Right to access your personal data

You have the right to obtain confirmation from the consortium as to whether any personal data are processed in relation to you, and to gain access to that personal data, as well as to the following information: the purpose of the processing, the type of personal data, the recipients of your personal data, the estimated retention period of personal data, and the source of the personal data.

Personal data breaches

In case your personal data is breached, you will be notified without undue delay.

In the event of a personal data breach, within 72 hours of being informed of the breach by our website host, we will notify the competent supervisory authority.

Important information regarding the processing of your personal data

The Scale2Connect Consortium undertakes to process all collected data only within the scope of the listed purposes for the handling or processing of personal data, and in compliance with applicable data protection legislation and the GDPR.

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