

Data protection notice

This data protection notice is provided in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in particular Articles 13 and 26 GDPR. Alliance for Renewable Electrification (ARE) and Enabel, Belgian development agency jointly organise the **ARE Green Industrialisation Days on the 24-25 September 2026**, in Brussels, Belgium (the "Event"), and jointly process certain personal data for the organisation, running, follow-up of and reporting on the Event, as well as for the taking and use of Event photographs, audio recordings and video recordings for Event-related communication activities. For those processing activities, they act as joint controllers.

Enabel and ARE have concluded a joint controllership arrangement (JCA) in accordance with Article 26 GDPR. The essence of this arrangement is reflected in this Data Protection Notice, which has been jointly agreed in order to enable event registrations and related communications.

A. Who processes your data?

- **Alliance for Renewable Electrification (ARE)**, Rue d'Arlon 63-67, 1040 Brussels, Belgium, contact: hello@renewelec.org.
- **Enabel, Belgian development agency (Enabel)**, Rue Haute 147, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, contact: dpo@enabel.be.

You may exercise your rights with either controller. For practical purposes, ARE acts as the first contact point for registration-related requests, in coordination with Enabel, without prejudice to your rights under the GDPR and Article 26 GDPR in particular.

B. Which data may be processed?

Depending on your role in the Event, the following categories of data may be processed:

- identification and contact data, such as your name, professional email address, organisation, job position and country;
- registration and participation data, such as your registration status, session attendance, speaker or participant status, access and badge information, logistical arrangements and related correspondence;
- where relevant, information relating to dietary requirements or accessibility needs strictly necessary for event organisation;
- images, voice and audiovisual recordings where photographs, audio or video recordings are made during the event;
- feedback, evaluation and survey responses collected after the event.

In principle, the data is collected directly from you. In some cases, they may be provided by your employer, organisation or another partner where you are nominated, invited or registered on that basis.

The Parties do not intend to collect special category data unless this is exceptionally necessary for example to accommodate accessibility or catering requirements. Where such data are processed, this will be limited to what is necessary for that purpose.

C. Why do we process your data, on which legal basis, and for how long do we keep it?

Purpose	Controller role	Legal basis
Invitation, registration, confirmation and event management, including basic communications about your ticket, the day(s) you will attend and whether you wish to join specific sessions such as the GID 2026 Dealroom or Circle Meeting	ARE and Enabel as joint controllers	Article 6(1)(b) GDPR where processing is necessary to take steps at your request prior to participation, or Article 6(1)(f) GDPR for the legitimate interests in organising and administering the event efficiently
Event support and logistics, including room planning, access management, catering and participant support, managing capacity (for example, allowing only one participant per company where needed) and organising country or theme specific sessions, as well as visa support where relevant	ARE and Enabel as joint controllers	Article 6(1)(b) GDPR and/or Article 6(1)(f) GDPR; where special category data are exceptionally required, Article 9(2)(a) GDPR on the basis of explicit consent or another applicable Article 9 condition where relevant
Post-event surveys, follow-up and event reporting	ARE and Enabel as joint controllers	Article 6(1)(f) GDPR for the legitimate interests in evaluating, documenting and improving the event
Event photography, video and audio recording, and related use of images and recordings to document and communicate about the GID 2026 Event (including general "atmospheric" images) and, where consent is obtained, to use identifiable close ups, portraits or testimonials in Event related communication materials	ARE and Enabel as joint controllers	Article 6(1)(f) GDPR for proportionate event documentation and communication about the GID 2026 Event, subject to appropriate safeguards and your right to object; where identifiable close-up images, portraits or testimonials are used, and where any special category data are revealed, Article 6(1)(a) GDPR and, if relevant, Article 9(2)(a) GDPR on the basis of your explicit consent
Future invitations to ARE events or activities that are not part of the joint organisation, follow up or reporting of this Event	ARE as sole controller	Article 6(1)(a) GDPR or Article 6(1)(f) GDPR, as determined by ARE in compliance with the GDPR and applicable e-Privacy rules for electronic communications

The legitimate interests relied upon, where Article 6(1)(f) GDPR applies, are the efficient organisation of the event, participant management, event security, communication about the event, and evaluation and reporting related to the event.

Certain personal data are necessary to process your registration and organise your participation. If mandatory data are not provided, registration or participation in the event may not be possible.

How can I avoid appearing in photographs or recordings?

ARE and Enabel seek to respect the preferences of all participants.

During the Event, general "atmospheric" images of the venue and audience may be taken to document and communicate about the GID 2026 Event. These images are processed on the basis of legitimate interests. Participants who do not wish to appear in such images may:

- sit in designated "no photo" areas where available;
- use badges or lanyards indicating that they do not wish to be photographed or filmed; and/or
- notify the organisers or photographers directly.

Identifiable close up photos, portraits or testimonials (where one or a few participants are clearly in focus) and their use in Event related communication materials are only taken and used with your prior explicit consent. Where such consent is required, ARE and Enabel will request it separately (for example via an image release form or a QR code link) for each distinct use. You may freely choose which uses you authorise and which uses you decline and you may withdraw your consent at any time without affecting your participation in the Event. You also have the right to object to processing based on legitimate interests on grounds relating to your particular situation. Where you object or withdraw consent, ARE and Enabel will take reasonable steps to stop using your identifiable images in future publications and, where feasible, delete or blur them.

Retention periods

- Invitation, registration, confirmation and participant management data: until the end of the event cycle and no later than 31 December 2026, unless a longer retention period is necessary to handle disputes, audit or legal claims.
- Event logistics and support data, including dietary and accessibility arrangements: deleted as soon as no longer necessary for the event and, in principle, no later than 31 October 2026, unless a longer retention period is required for legal claims.
- Post-event surveys, follow-up and reporting data: until 31 December 2027, then deleted or anonymised.

- Event photography, video, audio recordings and related communication and marketing materials, where applicable: until 31 December 2027, unless deletion is required earlier following a successful objection or withdrawal of consent where consent applies. If, after that date, ARE or Enabel wishes to reuse certain photographs or recordings for a new communication, outreach or marketing initiative (for example, to promote other future events), the party concerned will carry out a separate assessment and, where required, provide a separate privacy notice describing the new processing activity, its legal basis and the applicable retention period.
- Future ARE invitation data: retained by ARE for a maximum of 3 years after the last contact, unless deleted earlier upon request.

D. Who receives your data?

Your data may be accessed by authorised staff of ARE and Enabel and by processors or service providers acting on their instructions where necessary for the Event, including Odoo for registration hosting and, where relevant, providers of IT, logistics, catering, access control, communication, survey or photo/video services. These recipients may only process data on documented instructions and under appropriate confidentiality and security obligations.

Event photos may also be uploaded to the Flickr platform so that participants can view and download images from the Event. Flickr is operated by SmugMug, Inc. as an independent controller. When photos are made available on Flickr, they may be accessible to other users and may be downloaded or shared beyond the control of ARE and Enabel. Links to the relevant Flickr album will be communicated to participants where applicable. Any transfers of personal data to Flickr will comply with Chapter V GDPR.

E. International transfers

For the joint processing activities, the Parties intend to keep your data within the EU/EEA. If a transfer or remote access from outside the EU/EEA becomes necessary, appropriate safeguards under Chapter V GDPR will be implemented before the transfer takes place. This also applies to any publication of Event photos on external platforms such as Flickr.

F. Your rights

You have the right, subject to the conditions of the GDPR, to request access to your data, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, portability where applicable, and to object to processing based on Article 6(1)(f) GDPR.

Where processing is based on consent, you may withdraw that consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of processing carried out before withdrawal.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority, including the Belgian Data Protection Authority.

G. Essence of the joint controllership agreement

ARE and Enabel jointly decide the purposes and essential means for registration, participant management, Event logistics, post-event follow-up, reporting, and, where applicable, event photography, video, audio recording and related communications. They cooperate on privacy information, security, incident management and the handling of data subject rights. ARE remains solely responsible for any future ARE marketing or repeat invitations falling outside the joint processing activities described in this notice.

For practical organisation, ARE takes the operational lead for the online registration platform and certain participant communications, while Enabel takes the operational lead for on-site logistics and room planning. ARE remains solely responsible for any future ARE marketing or invitations that fall outside the joint processing activities described in this notice.