Privacy Policy

Your Privacy

PEP725 is committed to protecting your privacy and uses your personal information just to ensure the service of delivering phenological records. Therefore we process your data exclusively on the basis of the legal regulations (General Data Protection Regulation GDPR). Please read on for more details about our policy regarding your privacy.

What information do we collect? How do we use it?

When you sign up for a data download, we need to know your name, e-mail address, your institute / organization if applicable, the country where you work and finally the focus of interest or intended use of PEP725 records.

PEP725 records are open and universally available for the purpose of academic research, educational, government, recreational or other not-for-profit professional or private use. The given information allows us to track usage, evaluate its impact in the community, and confirm Database Users agreement with the PEP725 Data Use Policy.

We also monitor traffic patterns and site usage to help us improve our site and identify problems.

We may also use the information we collect to occasionally notify you about important functionality changes to our website, new services, and announcements we think you will find valuable.

Data Retention Policy

We only retain the Personal Data collected from registered Users for as long as the User's account is active or otherwise for a limited period as long as we need it to fulfil the purposes for which we have initially collected it. All Personal Data will be deleted after two years of inactivity.

Will PEP725 disclose the information it collects to outside parties?

The information on Database Users will be available to the PEP725 project management and the Dataset Owners. PEP725 project management and Dataset Owners will not sell, trade, or pass on this information to any third parties.

Your Consent

By using our data service, you consent to the collection and use of this information by PEP725. If we decide to change our privacy policy, we will post those changes on this page so that you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances we disclose it.

Your Rights

You have the right of information, the right to rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of your stored data, the right to object to the processing of your data, the right to data portability, and the right of legal complaint in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Law, at any time.

If you believe that we are processing your data in violation of Austrian or European data protection law, please contact us via the email address **pep725@geosphere.at** or get into touch with our Data Protection Officer **datenschutz@geosphere.at** to clear up any questions. In cases of doubt, we may request additional information to confirm your identity. This serves to protect your rights and your privacy.

You have also the right to raise a complaint with the national, or any other supervisory authority within the EU. For Austria it is the **Austrian Data Protection Authority / Österreichische Datenschutzbehörde**

Please forward any questions or comments to: pep725@geosphere.at