

## **Privacy Notice — BRIDGE Expert Database**

### **1. Who processes your data**

The controller is Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU), coordinator of the BRIDGE project. Contact for data protection matters: [bridge@hslu.ch](mailto:bridge@hslu.ch). “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia (UAB) collects the registrations on behalf of HSLU, acting as a processor under Article 28 GDPR.

### **2. Registration is voluntary**

Taking part in this database is entirely your choice. Not registering, or later withdrawing your profile, has no effect on your role, tasks, evaluation or standing in BRIDGE, and no consequence for your institution.

### **3. What data we collect**

Required: name and surname, professional biography, institutional affiliation and position, description of your expertise for BRIDGE, and a contact e-mail (used by the consortium only, not published unless you ask).

We do not ask for and do not wish to receive special categories of data under Article 9 GDPR. Please do not include such information in your biography. Your photograph is published for recognition by human readers only; it is not processed by facial recognition or any other biometric technology.

### **4. Why we process it and on what legal basis**

We process your data to build a database of experts working in BRIDGE, to publish expert profiles on the public project website so that partners, learners and external stakeholders can identify relevant expertise, and to refer to these profiles in BRIDGE communication and dissemination activities.

The legal basis is your consent under Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, given by clicking “Register”.

### **5. Who can see your data**

Your published profile is accessible to anyone visiting the project website and may be indexed by search engines, cached, or copied by third parties. Once data has been online, such copies cannot be controlled or reversed by us.

Internally, your data is accessible to the BRIDGE consortium partners, and, where required for project monitoring and reporting, to the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and its HEI Initiative team.

### **6. International transfers**

The project website and project coordination are operated from Switzerland. The European Commission has recognised Switzerland as ensuring an adequate level of data protection, confirmed most recently in its review of 15 January 2024, so no additional safeguards are required for this transfer.

### **7. How long we keep it**

Your profile remains published for the duration of the project (1 September 2026 – 31 August 2028) and for 5 years afterwards, as part of the dissemination and sustainability of project results, unless you withdraw your consent earlier. A record of your consent (date, time and the version of this notice you accepted) is kept for 5 years so that we can demonstrate compliance with Article 7(1) GDPR. After withdrawal, your profile is removed from the website within 45 working days.

## **8. Your rights**

You have the right to access your data, to obtain its rectification or erasure, to restrict or object to its processing, and to data portability. You may withdraw your consent at any time, as easily as you gave it, by writing to [e-mail]; withdrawal does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before that point. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a data protection supervisory authority, in particular in the country where you live or work.

## **9. No automated decision-making**

Your data is not subject to automated decision-making or profiling within the meaning of Article 22 GDPR.

## **10. Changes**

If we change the purposes of this database, we will inform you and, where necessary, ask for fresh consent.