

# **Privacy Statement for *Decentralized Governance (DeGov): Models of Governance for Accessible Cryptomarkets***

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## **1. Description of the processing operations.**

*The Principal Investigator (P.I.) - and eventual research assistants - will collect, organize, and store participants' information through this experiment in a pseudonymized dataset. Storage of this information will subsequently allow retrieval and consultation by the P.I. Only data strictly connected and necessary for the experiment will be used. The data's disclosure, transmission, dissemination, or otherwise will be organized as an anonymized dataset and deposited in a repository. Thus, after the experiment and the project have ended, all other previous pseudonymized datasets with participants' information will be destroyed, and a final anonymized dataset will be published for replication and research transparency. The retention period of the pseudonymized dataset expires on Dec. 31, 2024. After this date, participants in the experiment will no longer be able to request the PI to re-identify or delete their data, as it will be rendered impossible.*

## **2. What personal information do we collect, for what purpose(s), and through which technical means?**

*The P.I. will collect information from participants, including their gender, age range, race, familiarity with blockchain technology, use of social media and instant messaging platforms, financial investment activity, and chosen nicknames. Participants will fill out a general survey with their information at the time of registration. To avoid the precision of the data, some information will be excluded or generalized, e.g., age range instead of year of birth or date of birth. Participants will register on a private website using an email address (not an EUI email and ideally explicitly created for the experiment, without any personal data). They will engage in discussions about governance proposals through a Discord channel and cast their votes embedded within the private website. At the time of registration, participants will be asked for consent to audio/video recordings of anonymous interviews at the end of the online experiment. They can accept or decline to be interviewed without penalties for experimental awards.*

## **3. Who has access to your information and to whom it is disclosed?**

*Only the P.I. will be allowed to access your data retrieved from a pseudonymized encrypted file. At the end of the experiment, extracted anonymized data (i.e., eliminating the emails associated with votes) will be transmitted to research assistants, and the final anonymized dataset will be published or uploaded into public repositories for the experiment's replication.*

## **4. How do we protect and safeguard your information?**

*Information extracted in any way from additional interactive means (such as the Discord channel) will not be disclosed or associated with any participant but will be used only for interpretation of results. Each participant will be assigned a username to enter the website. Participants' votes will be connected to their nicknames/usernames; thus, the dataset will be pseudonymized. The final dataset will include the aggregated poll results, containing anonymized participants' votes. All the information will be secured in a file (protected by encryption) and uploaded into a cloud (OneDrive).*

*Regular cold storage on an external hard drive will allow safe retrieval by the P.I. No personal information, such as names or email addresses, will be collected or/and included in any dataset.*

## 5. How long do we keep your data?

*The retention period of secondary datasets and interviews will expire on December 31, 2024 (Article 4 of the EUI's Data Protection Policy). After that period, only the anonymized dataset with the results will remain in possession of the P.I. and will be uploaded into an online repository. After this date, participants in the experiment will no longer be able to request the P.I. to re-identify or delete their data.*

## 6. How can you verify, modify, or delete your information?

If you wish to verify which personal data are stored by the responsible Data Controller, or you wish to access, correct, or delete your personal data stored at the EUI, please contact the Data Controller at [vanessa.villanuevacollao@eui.eu](mailto:vanessa.villanuevacollao@eui.eu). You will receive a reply within 30 working days of receipt of the request. Remarks concerning this privacy statement can be addressed to [data\\_protection\\_officer@eui.eu](mailto:data_protection_officer@eui.eu).

## 7. Right of recourse

According to Article 16 of the EUI's Data Protection Policy, research participants enjoy the following rights concerning their personal data:

- a) to be informed whether, how, by whom and for which purpose they are processed;
- b) to ask for their rectification, in case they are inaccurate or incomplete;
- c) to demand their erasure in case the processing is unlawful or no longer lawful (the 'right to be forgotten');
- d) to block their further processing whilst the conditions under points b) and c) above are verified.

If you consider that your rights under EUI's Data Protection Policy have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the EUI, you have the right to request a review according to Article 27 of the EUI's Data Protection Policy. Such requests should be addressed to the Data Controller, who shall reply within 30 working days:

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Any request should be sent simultaneously to [data\\_protection\\_officer@eui.eu](mailto:data_protection_officer@eui.eu).



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