

PRIVACY POLICY

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About the ABS website

In the recent years, the landscape regarding ABS legislation and obligations applicable on European and international level has changed significantly. This may have an implication for the day-to-day work of breeders. Therefore, with the view to assist breeders observing their possible new obligations and with the intention to inform the public about the best practices and other efforts of the plant breeding sector to comply with ABS obligations, ESA has developed this specific website.

ESA is the European Seed Association, an international, non-profit association (AISBL) registered according to Belgian law. Today, ESA has more than 35 national member associations, from EU Members States and beyond, representing several thousand seed businesses, as well as more than 70 direct company members, including from seed related industries. As an industry association, ESA's main focus is to represent the interests of those active in research, breeding, production and marketing of seeds of agricultural, horticultural and ornamental plant species.

About this Privacy Policy

The present Privacy Policy describes how and when personal information is collected from you by ESA via the ABS website and how and for what purposes such information may be used. When creating your personal account to become a registered user of the tools provided through the ABS website (namely the EU ABS Navigator and the EU ABS Law Database) you are asked to agree that the personal information you provide therein will be handled and used for the purposes and in the manner as described in the present Privacy Policy.

Please take your time to read this policy and contact ESA if you have any questions or feedback regarding the present Privacy Policy. The ESA Secretariat can be contacted at:

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What information is collected from you?

Besides general information on ABS, the ESA ABS website also contains some tools for breeders aimed at facilitating understanding the EU legal framework applicable to ABS as well as providing assistance in complying with potential new obligations. The use of these tools is free however, in order to ensure the technical feasibility of some features thereof, we require you to create a personal account and access the tools (the EU ABS Navigator and the EU ABS Law Database) through that account.

All the rest of the information on the ESA ABS website is accessible without any registration.

When creating your personal account to become a registered user of the mentioned ABS tools, you are requested to provide the following pieces of personal information: your username; your company; your country; your email address and your password. All these pieces of information have to be provided to validly create an account.

How can you control your information?

If you are a registered user of the ESA ABS website, the necessary tools and account settings are provided allowing you to access or modify the personal information you provided to ESA when you created your account. In particular, you can change any piece of personal information you provided when you click on "[Account](#)" and you can also change your password by clicking on "Change password".

You can also permanently delete your account by clicking on "Delete account". If you execute this action your account will be deleted immediately and all data connected to your account will be lost. It will not be retrievable either for you or for ESA.

How do we use of your personal information?

Some of the information you provide when creating your account, such as your username and password are necessary to create and run a valid account for each user. The information concerning your company and country is collected for statistical reasons, and in particular for being able to assess what types of users and from which parts of the world are using the tools. This information is therefore used exclusively to estimate the interest in the ABS tools created by ESA.

The e-mail address you provide when creating your account is exclusively used by ESA to be able to eventually communicate with you about any information that may be relevant for your use of the ABS tools.

All personal information you provide when creating your account, with the exception of your password, is accessible to the ESA Secretariat, is handled in full confidentiality and is used exclusively for the purposes described above. Your password is accessible exclusively to you.

For technical reasons, a backup of your account information is also kept by the host of the ESA ABS Website, which is the company A for Design. This backup is exclusively stored with the view of being able to restore the website in case of an eventual technical problem.

The personal information you provide when creating your account is under no circumstances disclosed to any third party.

The personal information that you provide when creating your account is kept in the system and might be used by ESA for the above defined purposes until you have a valid account.

What are your rights?

Under data protection legislation you have a number of rights that allow you to have control over your privacy. ESA respects these rights and wishes to ensure that by contacting the ESA Secretariat via e-mail at secretariat@euroseeds.eu, you may exercise your rights. These rights are as follows:

- your right to have access to your personal data;
- your right to ask for the rectification of your personal data;
- your right to ask for the erasure of your personal data;
- your right to withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data, where applicable;
- your right to lodge a complaint.

In some cases, you may have a right to request a restriction on processing your personal data or to object to processing of your personal data.

You can exercise your above-mentioned rights in line with the requirements as provided for in the [EU General Data Protection Regulation](#).

In case you are of the opinion that your rights under the EU data protection rules have not been respected, you can lodge a complaint at the competent data protection authority of the EU Member State of your habitual residence. You can find the competent authorities and their contact details [here](#).

Changes to the Present Privacy Policy

ESA reserves the right to revise the present Privacy Policy from time to time. The latest effective version of the Privacy Policy will govern the use of your information and will always be available on the ESA ABS website. Should such modification of the present Privacy Policy take place, we will notify you in due time allowing you to confirm or withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal information by ESA. Please note that your continued use of the ESA ABS website will be interpreted as agreement with the revised Privacy Policy and confirmation of your consent.

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