

## Data Protection Declaration

### ICCS 2027

### Teacher questionnaire

The information below applies to the administration of ICCS 2027 in Grade 8.

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The Data Controllers have entered into a Joint Controller Agreement, which sets out their respective responsibilities with respect to data protection.

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#### For which purposes are data collected and processed?

The data collected as part of the International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS) 2027 will be used exclusively for scientific purposes. ICCS is an educational research project of IEA and investigates the ways in which young people are prepared to undertake their roles as citizens in a world where contexts of democracy and civic participation continue to change. There are three study phases: the Pilot Study which took place in 2025, followed by the Field Trial in 2026, and the Main Study in 2027.

## Which information is requested?

As part of the administration of ICCS 2027 in Grade 8, the participating teachers are invited to complete a teacher questionnaire to provide the study with information about issues such as teachers' perception of teacher participation at school, the school environment, civic and citizenship education at school, and a few personal details (age, gender, country of residence, education and training, and experience). Teachers who teach a subject related to civic and citizenship education are also asked about aspects of their teaching of this learning area.

- Participation in ICCS 2027 is mandatory for the schools.
- Consent for collecting and processing the data is declared by filling in the questionnaire.
- Withdrawal of consent to the processing of data without stating any reason can be made until the end of March 2026 by sending a message to the National ICCS Center.
- The data collected up to that date will no longer be processed and the data that have already been stored will be erased. What is more, the withdrawal of the consent will not cause any disadvantages.
- Contact details of the person in charge of queries regarding data protection issues:

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## What kind of data are collected?

The ICCS 2027 Teacher Questionnaire is administered online, and two general types of data are gathered: active response data and event data.

Active response data from answers to the questions from every ICCS Teacher Questionnaire is collected and stored. This is done in the form of numbers representing selections (for example, a multiple-choice question), values (for example, a figure for number of students in the target grade), or text (for example, a direct answer to a question).

As this survey is administered electronically, there is further event data stored regarding the login details, time of login, logout and timeout, clicks on navigation buttons, and whether the questionnaire has been submitted.

This information cannot, in and of itself, be used to identify individual respondents by name, however an ID is recorded to uniquely identify each respondent. The relationship between this ID and the teacher's name, or national registration number, is known to the school coordinator and the national study center conducting the study, but is not shared with any other parties.

The respondent names can be collected by the NRC, if allowed within the country. However, respondent names are not shared with IEA and must not be shared with any other third parties.

IEA provides the NRC with software enabling them to submit pseudonymized data. Thus, all submitted data must be pseudonymous, that is: processed in such a manner that the personal data can no longer be attributed to a specific data subject without the use of additional information (any such additional information being kept separately and subject to technical and organizational measures to ensure that the personal data are not attributed to an identified or identifiable natural person).

## **With whom and how are data from ICCS shared?**

Data collected online is stored on an AWS server hosted in Germany. IEA accesses the data from the AWS server. Other data required for data processing are sent from national study centers to the IEA, via the web-based collaborative platform Share Point, in a pseudonymous form.

The ICCS 2027 Study is directed by the International Study Center (ISC) located at the University of Bath, United Kingdom.

IEA will provide the raw teacher questionnaire data, and the corresponding event data, to the ISC. The data will be provided in a pseudonymized manner using the SharePoint site provided by the ISC.

IEA also shares the pseudonymized country data with the respective national study center using the SharePoint site.

Any employees at IEA or the ISC who access the data for processing have been suitably briefed on what constitutes an acceptable treatment of data, signed a confidentiality agreement, and received comprehensive training on data protection and privacy.

As the ISC is established in the United Kingdom, for transfer of personal data outside of the European Economic Area, IEA relies on the European Commission's Decision on the adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom, whereby the European Commission declared that the United Kingdom offers an adequate level of data protection, and no further measures are needed for data transfers. In case the position of the European Commission changes in this respect, IEA will conclude EC Standard Contractual Clauses (Module II Controller to Processor) for transferring pseudonymized personal data to the United Kingdom.

## **Where, how, and for how long are data from the ICCS 2027 Study stored?**

ICCS data are stored securely and cannot be accessed by any external persons or systems.

Digital response data are collected and stored as follows:

Data collected online is saved on an AWS server hosted in Germany.

Data will be shared via the SharePoint site provided by the ISC, and as such it will be stored there, as well as on IEA's servers.

Data stored on the Amazon cloud will be securely deleted at the end of June 2029. Otherwise, response data are stored indefinitely following the technical and organizational measures described in Annex 2 so that they remain available for analyses. These responses eventually result in a database that allows researchers to compare education systems worldwide (see Public accessibility below).

All data arriving for data processing are submitted in a pseudonymized form, i.e., without respondent names, and only using an international ID system.

## **Related data**

Along with the teachers in grade 8, principals and students in both grades 8 and 11 are also asked to complete a questionnaire. Information coming from these sources is linked to that from teachers in the final international research database (IDB).

The principals (if a principal is not available, other equally qualified personnel) of participating schools are invited to complete a school questionnaire in order to provide the study with information about a

wide range of issues such as school characteristics (e.g., type, size, location), policies and practices related to civic education, curriculum and instructional methods, school leadership and governance, community and parental involvement, challenges faced in delivering civic education, and opportunities for student participation in school and community activities.

The students in the participating ICCS classes are asked to complete the ICCS 2027 Student Questionnaire in order to provide the study with information about students' civic participation in the community and at school, their attitudes toward and perception of civic and citizenship topics, their actual or expected civic engagement, and a few personal details (gender, age, country of birth, country of residence, citizenship, ethnic background, country of birth of their parents/guardians, occupation of their parents/guardians, the highest level of education completed by their parents/guardians, and language(s) spoken at home). Grade 11 students are additionally asked to provide the study with information about their educational career.

Some grade 8 students participating in ICCS 2027 might be asked to complete a regional questionnaire (e.g., European questionnaire). The aim is to collect information about students' perceptions, opportunities, and attitudes that are particularly relevant in their region and not included in the international student questionnaire.

In addition, grade 8 students in the selected ICCS classes are invited to complete the ICCS 2027 Student Test which measures knowledge and understanding of concepts and issues related to civics and citizenship.

### **Public accessibility**

The final international research database will be accessible to the public from the following site:

<https://www.iea.nl/data> (Hamburg, Germany)

All data in the database are pseudonymous, and as such cannot be linked to individuals without the use of additional information, which is kept separately, and its security is ensured by using appropriate technical and organizational measures.

### **Automated decision-making and profiling**

No automated decision-making, including profiling, referred to in Article 22 GDPR is conducted.

### **Rights of Data Subjects**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) grants the following rights to the data subject, being the individual whom the personal data relates to:

- Right to withdraw consent, if processing is based on consent – Article 7 GDPR
- Right to information – Articles 13 and 14 GDPR
- Right of Access – Article 15 GDPR
- Right to Rectification – Article 16 GDPR
- Right to Erasure – Article 17 GDPR
- Right to Restriction of Processing – Article 18 GDPR
- Right to Data Portability – Article 20 GDPR
- Right to Object – Article 21 GDPR

- The right not to be subjected to decisions only based on automated decision making or profiling – Article 22 GDPR
- Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority – Article 77 GDPR

Data Subjects are entitled to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

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