



Privacy statement

Article 12 of the General Data Protection Regulation of the EU (679/2016)
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1 Name of the register

Election funding register for oversight of election campaign and political party funding

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5 Purpose of personal data processing

The National Audit Office of Finland (hereafter also the 'National Audit Office') receives and publishes the voluntary advance disclosures of campaign financing submitted by candidates in general elections and the election funding disclosures submitted by the candidates elected and the candidates appointed as alternate members in the elections who are obliged to submit election funding disclosures under section 5 of the Act on a Candidate's Election Funding (273/2009).

The National Audit Office receives and publishes the up-to-date disclosures submitted by the political parties, party associations and the entities affiliated to political parties under the Act on Political Parties (10/1969). The National Audit Office receives and publishes the financial statements and notes to them, financial audit reports and the accounts regarding the use of the party subsidies granted from government funds of the political parties and the associations referred to in the decisions on the party subsidies of the political parties granted party subsidies from government funds as well as the information contained in the up-to-date disclosures, and the itemisations of the election campaign expenses and funding. The itemisations of the election campaign expenses and funding are received and published for each general election separately.

The disclosures can be submitted to the National Audit Office through a service portal. For the electronic identification introduced for this purpose, the personal identity codes of the candidates and the disclosers are also entered in the election funding register.

Political parties, party associations and the entities affiliated to political parties must submit their disclosures to the National Audit Office through a service portal. For this purpose, the personal identity codes of the users in political parties, party associations and the entities affiliated to political parties are entered in the system for electronic identification.

6 Data contained in the register

Under section 12 of the Act on a Candidate's Election Funding (273/2009), the information contained in the disclosures, advance disclosures and the post-election reports are entered in the register. Under section 6 of the same act, the following information must be entered in the disclosure:

- 1) the elections involved;
- 2) the candidate's name, title, occupation or position, the name of the political party nominating the candidate or an indication that the candidate was nominated by a constituency association, and (in parliamentary elections) the candidate's electoral district (in county elections) the county and (in municipal elections) the municipality in which the candidate ran for office;
- 3) total campaign expenses and campaign expenses itemised into election campaign advertising in newspapers, free newspapers and magazines, in the radio, on television, in data networks and other communication media, outdoor advertising, purchasing of election newsletters, leaflets and other printed material, expenses arising from the planning of advertising and election campaign events and other expenses;
- 4) total election funding and election funding itemised into the candidate's own funds, loans taken out by the candidate (including invoices outstanding at the time when the disclosure was submitted), and all campaign contributions received by the candidate, the candidate's support group or other organisation operating exclusively for the purpose of promoting the candidate, itemised into campaign contributions from private individuals, companies, the political party, political party associations and other sources; and
- 5) any other information on election funding and campaign expenses that the discloser considers necessary.

Each individual contribution and the party providing it must be disclosed if the value of the contribution is at least EUR 800 (in municipal elections) or at least EUR 1,500 (in parliamentary elections, county elections, European Parliament elections or presidential elections). If this contribution has been made by purchasing identifiable goods or services or otherwise for consideration, only the net value of the contribution must be disclosed separately. If the separately disclosed contribution contains contributions at least in the above-mentioned amounts transferred from a third party, the recipient must also provide the details of the source of the transferred contribution.

If the candidate, the candidate's support group or other organisation operating exclusively for the purpose of promoting the candidate has taken out a loan to cover the expenses of the election campaign, the disclosure must include a repayment plan for such a loan.

The name of a private individual may not be published without the individual's express consent if the value of the contribution donated by this individual is less than EUR 800 (in municipal elections) or less than EUR 1,500 (in other elections).

Candidates whose election campaign funding in municipal elections is less than EUR 800 are not obliged to provide the information referred to in subsection 1, paragraphs 3 and 4. However, such candidates must provide a written assurance that their election campaign funding has not exceeded the limit specified in this subsection.

Under section 9f of the Act on Political Parties (10/1969), the following information is entered in the political party funding register: the information contained in the up-to-date disclosures referred to in section 8c, the information contained in the itemisations referred to in section 9a, subsection 2 (contributions received by an affiliated entity) and section 9b (details of election campaign expenses and funding), and the information contained in the documents referred to in section 9d, subsection 1 of the Act on Political Parties (financial statements). The following information on the administrators of the political parties is entered in the register: the name, personal identity code, contact details and the political party concerned. The following information on the users of the political parties is entered in the register: the name, personal identity code, contact details and the political party concerned. The following information on the users of the entities affiliated to political parties is entered in the register: the name, personal identity code, contact details and the affiliated entity concerned.

The personal identity code is needed for the identification of the user in connection with the login to the system (Suomi.fi service). The register comprises the details of the candidates and disclosers and the disclosure form submitted to the National Audit Office by each discloser or other information disclosed by the disclosers under the disclosure obligation. The disclosers' home addresses are also kept in the register for purposes of mailing. The addresses of the persons subject to a non-disclosure for personal safety reasons are not kept in the register. Information on the following is also entered in the register: failure to comply with the disclosure obligation, reminders issued and the conditional fines imposed to enforce the disclosure obligation and other measures taken by the National Audit Office to carry out its supervisory task.

7 Regulatory data sources

The following are used as data sources for the election funding register: the register of candidates compiled by the Ministry of Justice for each general election, the election results and the information submitted to the National Audit Office by the candidates and the disclosers. With regard to electronic identification, the Suomi.fi service, the service provider supplying the identification service under a Suomi.fi agreement, and the Population Information System (to the extent that the authorities need the contact details of the disclosers) are used as information sources.

The details of the political parties, party associations and the entities affiliated to political parties entered in the register comprise the information submitted by the administrators of the political parties or the users of the associations concerned in accordance with the disclosure obligation of the political parties, party associations or the affiliated entities.

The details of the administrators submitted by the political parties are obtained from the access rights notifications submitted by the political parties. The details of the users of the party associations are obtained from the information entered in the system by the administrators of the political parties. The details of the users in the affiliated entities are obtained from the access rights notifications submitted by the affiliated entities.

8 Data recipients

Names and addresses of persons are disclosed to the subcontractor providing mailing services. Address details of the persons subject to a non-disclosure for personal safety reasons are not disclosed. The information is only used for sending notifications and other information to the disclosers.

9 Transfer of data outside the EU or the EEA

The information contained in the disclosures kept in the register is public information. The disclosures entered in the register are published on the website vaalirahoitusvalvonta.fi. The disclosures can also be viewed on the internet outside the EU and the EEA.

Under section 9f on the Act on Political Parties (10/1969) and section 12 of the Act on a Candidate's Election Funding (273/2009), notwithstanding the provisions of section 16, subsection 3 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999), everyone has the right to obtain copies of the register entries and information via public data networks.

The personal identity codes or contact details of individual persons are not published or disclosed to third parties.

10 Data retention period

The personal data collected for the register is stored only for as long and to the extent that it is needed in relation to the purposes for which it was originally collected or the compatible purposes for which it was collected. The personal data referred to in this privacy statement is stored as long as the controller makes use of it for the purposes described in section 5. The personal data entered in the register is deleted when there are no longer any legal grounds for processing it.

The disclosures are stored on a permanent basis and kept in the election funding register. No decision has yet been made on the transfer of the information to the archiving system.

11 Register protection principles

The information security of the register and the confidentiality, integrity and usability of personal data is ensured by appropriate technical and organizational methods.

12 Right to access the data and to rectification

The data subject has the right to access the data to see what data on them is stored in the register. The data subject can access the personal data on them kept in the register by submitting a request to the registry of the National Audit Office where the data subject must prove their identity when submitting the request.

13 Right to erasure

The data subject has the right to have the personal data on them erased without undue delay ('right to be forgotten'), providing that

- the personal data is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was collected or for which it was being processed;
- the data subject cancels the consent the processing was based on, and there is no other lawful basis for processing the data;

- the data has been processed in an unauthorized way; or
- the personal data has to be erased in order to comply with a legal obligation based on European Union law or national legislation.

The data subject can have the personal data on them kept in the register erased by submitting a request to the registry of the National Audit Office where the data subject must prove their identity when submitting the request.

14 The right to restrict processing

The data subject has the right to demand that the controller restricts processing of data if

- the data subject disputes the accuracy of the personal data;
- the processing is against the law, and the data subject objects to the removal of the personal data on them and instead demands that its use should be restricted; or
- the controller no longer needs the personal data in question for the purposes for which it was being processed but the data subject needs it in order to prepare, present or defend a legal claim.

The data subject can request restriction of the processing of the personal data kept in the register by submitting a request to the registry of the National Audit Office where the data subject must prove their identity when submitting the request.

15 The right to withdraw consent

The data subject has the right to withdraw their consent to the processing of the personal data on them kept in the register at any time without it affecting the legality of the processing of the data carried out before that. The data subject can submit the request for withdrawing consent by submitting a request to the registry of the National Audit Office where the data subject must prove their identity when submitting the request.

16 Right to data portability

The data subject has the right to access the personal data on them that they have supplied to the controller in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format, and the right to have the data transferred to another controller.

17 The right to submit a complaint to the oversight authority

The data subject has the right to submit a complaint to the oversight authority if the data subject believes that the processing of the personal data on them infringes applicable data protection laws. The Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman acts as the national oversight authority in Finland.

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