

PRIVACY POLICY

WEEC 2026 – Reconnect with Earth

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The protection of personal data is important to us.

This Privacy Policy explains how **Istituto per l'Ambiente e l'Educazione Scholé Futuro ETS – WEEC Network** (“Scholé Futuro ETS”, “we”, “us” or “our”), as the legal organiser and Data Controller of **WEEC 2026 – Reconnect with Earth**, processes personal data collected through the conference website and related online services.

The processing of personal data is carried out in accordance with **Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”)**, the applicable Italian data protection legislation and other applicable privacy regulations.

1. Data Controller

The Data Controller is: **Istituto per l'Ambiente e l'Educazione Scholé Futuro ETS – WEEC Network**

Via del Carmine 15
10122 Turin (TO) Italy

Email: segreteria@weecnetwork.it

Website: <https://weecnetwork.org/>

For questions concerning the processing of personal data or the exercise of your rights, you may contact us at the email address above.

2. About WEEC 2026

WEEC 2026 – Reconnect with Earth is an international virtual congress organised by Scholé Futuro ETS – WEEC Network.

The conference website provides information about the event, its programme, speakers, scientific contributions, registration and participation, as well as related activities and communications.

The conference may use external digital platforms and service providers to manage registration, participation, communications and the online conference environment.

3. Personal Data We May Collect

Depending on how you interact with the website and conference services, we may collect the following categories of personal data:

Registration and participation data

- first and last name;
- email address;
- country;

- organisation, institution or company;
- professional role or position;
- information relating to your participation in the conference;
- registration and access information.

Speakers, authors and contributors

Where applicable, we may process:

- name;
- affiliation and professional role;
- biography;
- photograph;
- contact details;
- title and abstract of the proposed contribution;
- presentation materials;
- information relating to participation as a speaker, author, moderator or member of a scientific or organising committee.

Communications

If you contact us, we may process the information contained in your message and the contact details necessary to respond to you.

Technical and browsing data

When you visit the website, certain technical information may be automatically collected, depending on the configuration of the website and the services used. This may include IP address, browser type, device information, operating system, access times and technical information concerning website usage.

Such information may be processed for security, technical and operational purposes and, where applicable, for statistical analysis in accordance with our Cookie Policy.

4. Purposes of Processing

We may process personal data for the following purposes:

A. Organisation and management of WEEC 2026

To: manage conference registrations; provide access to the online conference; communicate organisational information; manage participation in sessions and activities; provide technical assistance; manage speakers, authors, moderators and other contributors; administer the conference programme.

B. Abstract and scientific contribution management

Where applicable, personal data may be processed in connection with the submission, review, selection, publication and presentation of abstracts, papers, posters and other scientific or professional contributions.

Information relating to accepted contributions may be published as part of the official conference programme, digital proceedings or other conference materials.

C. Conference communications

We may use your contact details to send communications that are necessary for the organisation and administration of the conference, such as registration confirmations, programme updates, technical information and important notices concerning the event.

D. Newsletters and future activities

Where you have provided the appropriate consent, we may send you information about future conferences, events, educational activities, publications and initiatives promoted by Scholé Futuro ETS and/or the WEEC Network.

You may withdraw your consent at any time by following the unsubscribe instructions included in the relevant communication or by contacting us.

E. Website operation and security

We may process technical information to ensure the security, stability and proper functioning of the website and conference services and to prevent fraud, abuse or unauthorised access.

F. Legal obligations

Personal data may also be processed where necessary to comply with obligations imposed by applicable laws or regulations.

5. Legal Bases for Processing

Depending on the specific purpose, the processing of personal data may be based on one or more of the following legal grounds under Article 6 of the GDPR:

- **performance of a contract or pre-contractual measures**, including the management of conference registration and participation;
- **compliance with a legal obligation** to which the Data Controller is subject;
- **legitimate interests** of the Data Controller, where appropriate, including the organisation, administration, security and communication of the conference, provided that such interests are not overridden by the rights and freedoms of the data subject;
- **consent**, where consent is required, including for certain newsletters, promotional communications or non-essential cookies and tracking technologies.

Where processing is based on consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Withdrawal does not affect the lawfulness of processing carried out before the withdrawal.

6. Publication of Participants, Speakers and Authors

WEEC 2026 is an international scientific and professional conference.

For speakers, authors, moderators and other contributors, certain professional information may be published on the conference website, programme, digital proceedings or other official conference materials.

Depending on the role and the information provided, this may include: name and surname; organisation or institutional affiliation; professional role; country; biography; photograph; title and abstract of the contribution.

Only information necessary for the relevant conference purpose will be published.

Where publication requires consent under applicable law, the relevant consent will be requested separately.

7. Photographs, Video and Audio Recordings

WEEC 2026 includes live or recorded online sessions, presentations, interviews, webinars and other audiovisual activities.

Where applicable, sessions may be recorded for documentation, educational, scientific and communication purposes.

Photographs, video recordings, audio recordings or screenshots may also be produced in connection with conference activities.

Where the use of identifiable images or recordings requires consent, the appropriate consent will be requested.

If you have questions concerning the use of your image, voice or other audiovisual material, please contact:

segreteria@weecnetwork.it

8. Conference Platform and Third-Party Service Providers

WEEC 2026 may use third-party technology providers to deliver online conference services, including registration, virtual event access, streaming, networking, communications and related technical functions.

In particular, the conference may use **vFairs** as the virtual conference platform. Where vFairs processes personal data on behalf of Scholé Futuro ETS, such processing is governed by the contractual arrangements and data protection safeguards applicable between the parties. vFairs states that it supports GDPR-compliant processing and provides security and privacy measures for its event-management platform.

Users should also consult the privacy information provided by the relevant third-party service where they interact directly with that service.

9. Recipients of Personal Data

Personal data may be accessed, where necessary, by: authorised members of the Scholé Futuro ETS / WEEC Network organising team; members of the scientific, programme or organising committees; technical and IT service providers; conference and event-management platforms; website hosting and maintenance providers; communication and mailing service providers; abstract and proceedings management providers;

professional advisers and service providers acting on behalf of the Data Controller; public authorities or other recipients where disclosure is required by law.

Third-party providers processing personal data on behalf of Scholé Futuro ETS will be subject to appropriate contractual and organisational safeguards in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.

10. International Data Transfers

Because WEEC 2026 is an international online conference and may use technology and service providers operating internationally, personal data may be processed or transferred outside Italy and, in certain circumstances, outside the European Economic Area (EEA).

Where personal data is transferred outside the EEA, Scholé Futuro ETS will ensure that the transfer is carried out in accordance with Chapter V of the GDPR and on the basis of an applicable legal mechanism and appropriate safeguards.

Such safeguards may include an adequacy decision of the European Commission, Standard Contractual Clauses or another lawful transfer mechanism, where applicable.

vFairs states that it has measures and certifications addressing international data protection requirements, including GDPR and the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework. ([vFAIRS](#))

11. Data Retention

We retain personal data only for as long as necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, taking into account the nature of the processing and any applicable legal, administrative or accounting requirements.

In particular:

- registration and participation data will normally be retained for the period necessary to administer the conference and for the subsequent period required for legitimate organisational or legal purposes;
- information concerning speakers, authors and scientific contributions may be retained for the purpose of maintaining the scientific and historical record of the conference;
- published conference materials may remain publicly accessible for archival and scientific documentation purposes;
- newsletter and promotional communication data will be retained until consent is withdrawn or the user unsubscribes, unless another lawful basis applies;
- technical and security data will be retained only for the period necessary for the relevant security or operational purposes.

Specific retention periods may vary depending on the type of data and processing activity.

12. Cookies and Similar Technologies

The conference website may use cookies and similar technologies.

These may include: strictly necessary technical cookies; functionality cookies; analytics cookies; third-party cookies or tracking technologies, where applicable.

Strictly necessary cookies may be used where they are necessary for the operation and security of the website or for providing a service explicitly requested by the user.

Where applicable law requires consent for analytics, advertising, profiling or other non-essential tracking technologies, such technologies will only be activated after the user has provided the required consent.

The Italian Data Protection Authority (*Garante per la protezione dei dati personali*) requires specific information concerning cookies and tracking technologies and, where applicable, prior consent for non-technical tracking. ([Garante Privacy](#))

For detailed information about the cookies actually used on the website and how to manage your preferences, please consult our **Cookie Policy**.

13. Links to Third-Party Websites

The WEEC 2026 website may contain links to websites, platforms or services operated by third parties, including partner organisations, sponsors, scientific institutions, social media platforms and conference technology providers.

When you access a third-party website or service, that third party's own privacy policy applies.

Scholé Futuro ETS is not responsible for the privacy practices, content or security of third-party websites that it does not control.

14. Your Rights under the GDPR

Subject to the conditions and limitations established by applicable law, you have the right to:

- obtain confirmation as to whether your personal data is being processed;
- request access to your personal data;
- request the correction of inaccurate or incomplete personal data;
- request the erasure of your personal data;
- request restriction of processing;
- object to processing based on legitimate interests or for certain other purposes;
- receive your personal data in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format, where the right to data portability applies;
- withdraw consent at any time where processing is based on consent.

You also have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, where the conditions established by Article 22 GDPR apply.

To exercise your rights, please contact:

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We will respond within the time limits established by applicable data protection legislation.

15. Right to Lodge a Complaint

If you believe that your personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection legislation, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority.

For Italy, the competent authority is:

Garante per la protezione dei dati personali

Rome, Italy

Information about the Italian Data Protection Authority and how to lodge a complaint is available on its official website.

16. Data Security

Scholé Futuro ETS adopts appropriate technical and organisational measures designed to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access.

Access to personal data is limited to persons who need it for legitimate organisational, administrative, technical or legal purposes.

However, no internet transmission or electronic storage system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

17. Children's Data

WEEC 2026 is primarily intended for adults and professionals, researchers, educators, institutions and organisations involved in environmental education and related fields.

We do not knowingly collect personal data from children for purposes that require parental consent.

If you believe that a child has provided personal data to us without the appropriate legal basis or consent, please contact us at segreteria@weecnetwork.it so that we can assess the situation and take appropriate action.

18. Changes to this Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy may be updated from time to time to reflect changes in: the organisation or management of WEEC 2026; the website or conference platform; the services and technology providers used; applicable legislation; our data processing activities.

The latest version will always be published on this page, together with the date of the most recent update.

19. Contact Us

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