

# Data Protection Statement for UPSTEM Project

Data will be managed uniquely by the UPSTEM Project research team, who is the only responsible for downloading, cleaning, and analysing raw data, and owned by the Swiss Young Academy.

Responses are collected with the survey software QuestionPro and stored on a server in the EU, guaranteeing compliance with the GDPR regulation.

Responses are collected and stored anonymously, meaning that it would not be possible to trace answers back to the respondents. Geographical location information will not be stored. Where the survey contains open questions, *we kindly ask participants not to indicate any personal reference* (e.g., identity names, emails or physical addresses, phone numbers, AVS numbers, other people's or institutions' names, etc.) in the question boxes. Any reference that might represent a threat to anonymity, if found, will be omitted by the team.

At the end of the survey, respondents' willingness to be informed about UPSTEM Project's future activities and study results will be asked and, if positive, email addresses collected. During the data cleaning phase, those email addresses will be separated from the main database and stored safely in a password-protected file, therefore, disconnected from the respondents' answers.

Once downloaded from QuestionPro, the dataset containing participants' responses will be deleted from the survey software. After downloading and deleting them from QuestionPro servers, data will be stored in a secure server at the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences and accessed by the UPSTEM Project research team only.

Data will never be shared with third parties; only UPSTEM Project research team members will know the password and have access to the databases. Data will be deleted by a member of the UPSTEM Project research team in May 2028.

Due to anonymised data collection, respondents who left their email address only can request deletion of data anytime by writing at [marco.cavallaro@swissyoungacademy.ch](mailto:marco.cavallaro@swissyoungacademy.ch). Data deletion will be managed and executed by the UPSTEM Project team.

Data will be analysed by the UPSTEM Project research team, aggregated results used to produce a report sponsored and published by the Swiss Young Academy and presented during a dedicated one-day workshop with a panel of experts. The report will also be published on the [UPSTEM Project webpage](#) and circulated through social media.

Bern, April 2025

Contact: [marco.cavallaro@swissyoungacademy.ch](mailto:marco.cavallaro@swissyoungacademy.ch)