

LEGAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT “Far-Right Mobilization and the European Crises : Electoral and Protest politics “FARMEC”

The research project FARMEC is supported and financed by the European Commission – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and is led by Pietro Castelli Gattinara, Research Fellow at Sciences Po (CEE).

Objectives : The purpose of the Project is to study whether and how far-right political mobilization has changed throughout three critical moments of recent European politics: the sovereign-debt crisis, the refugee crisis, and the security crisis linked to Jihadist terrorism.

Legal basis : Research for public interest

Data controller : Centre d'études européennes (CEE), UMR 8239 (Sciences Po (the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris) and CNRS)

Principal Investigator and data recipient : Pietro Castelli Gattinara, Research fellow at Sciences Po CEE and Jan Rovny, Project Supervisor, Associate Professor at Sciences Po CEE

Category of data processed : Text data derived from the internet (social media) and newspaper articles treated using statistical procedures.

Data protection measures :

- Relying on publicly available data, and on the quantitative coding of text, the project does not directly involve the treatment personal data that can make participants identified ;
- When personal data of the participants is indirectly treated, an strict anonymization protocol ensures that no physical person is directly or indirectly identified. No personal data collected by the research team will be published or made public;
- Only aggregate data will be used so that no person would be identifiable from the data
- The access rights to the data will be:
 - limited and only accessible to the research team.
 - secured by a personal identifier and a password.
- Sciences Po is committed to ensure the respect of the European and French data protection principles by its current and future employees, researchers or eventual processors associated with the data and is engaged to make apply its data protection policy (technical and organizational measures)

Risk for participants : The main risk with this project is linked to the analysis of politically controversial issues, which implies the risk of people being inadvertently identified through the research and suffering consequences as a result. In this respect, we will only refer to tweets or related public posts if they have been posted for everyone to see at any time, by a public figure in their professional capacity, or by an organisation in their professional capacity. Given the sensitivity of the issues to be explored, FARMEC will exclusively use aggregate data, and the original text will be quantified via statistical and automated text analysis techniques so that no person would be identifiable.

Data archive and duration : The data will be treated until May 2024 in current archives (until publication), and then stored on a secured platform at the Sciences Po research repository during up to three years, in a proper and sufficient manner for obtaining minimized, secured and definitely anonymized dataset. Then the data may be stored on a european research repository (Open Science).

GDPR rights : In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, any person will be able to access their data, as well as remove it if possible. To do so, the people can send an email to pietro.castelligattinara@sciencespo.fr and contact.cee@sciencespo.fr. In case of difficulty, please contact the Sciences Po Data Protection Officer cnil@sciencespo.fr. If your question is not answered properly, the people can address a complaint to the French data protection authority (the CNIL).