

Information on the protection of individuals with reference to the processing of personal data for the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and in the Schengen area (General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art. 13)

The processing of personal data for the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and the Schengen area is based on the principles of lawfulness, fairness, and transparency, protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons.

To this end, pursuant to Article 13 of the RGPD, the following information is provided:

1. The Controller

The Data Controller is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC) of the Italian Republic which operates, in this specific case, through the Italian Embassy in Jerevan (address: 5 Italy street, 0010 Jerevan; telephone: +374 12 54 23 35/36/45 (switchboard), e-mail: visti.jerevan@esteri.it; certified e-mail: amb.jerevan@cert.esteri.it).

2. The Data Protection Officer

For inquiries or complaints regarding privacy, the interested party may contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the MFAIC (address: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, 00135 ROME; telephone: 0039 06 36911 (switchboard); e-mail: rpd@esteri.it; certified e-mail: rpd@cert.esteri.it).

3. Personal data processed

The Visa Office processes the personal data included in the visa application form, in the Visa Information System (VIS) and in the national visa archive.

4. Purpose of the treatment

The requested personal data are needed to assess the entry visa application for Italy or the Schengen Area lodged by a non-EU Member State citizen subject to the visa obligation.

5. Legal framework

The legal framework applicable to the processing of personal data is the following:

- Regulation (EC) No. 767/2008 of 9 July 2008 concerning the “Visa Information System/VIS” and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (Schengen area);
- Regulation (EC) No. 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 and subsequent amendments establishing the “Community Visa Code” (Schengen area);
- Legislative Decree n. 286, 25 July 1998;
- Presidential Decree n.394, 31 August 1999;
- Interministerial Decree on Entry Visas No. 850 of May 11, 2011.

Under the aforementioned regulations, the provision of the data in question is mandatory for the assessment of the visa application and any refusal to provide the requested data renders it inadmissible.

6. Processing methods

Data processing, performed by specially appointed personnel, is carried out manually and automatically. With regard to short-stay visas, data is stored in the Visa Information System (VIS); for other types of visas, data is inserted in the national visa archive.

7. Transmission of data to third parties

In application of the European legislation on the Schengen area (in particular, Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of 13 July 2009), the data necessary for the issuance of short-stay visas are made available to the competent Italian security authorities, as well as to the competent authorities of the European Union and of the other Member States. For the remaining visa types, the data will be available to the competent Italian security authorities.

8. Data retention

Data is retained into the VIS for a maximum period of five years. Once this deadline is reached, personal data relating to Schengen visas (short stays) issued by Italy are transferred to the national visa archive. Data may be indefinitely retained in the said archive for national security reasons, for potential controversies and for research or study motives.

9. Rights of the data subject

The data subject may request access to his/her personal data and their rectification. Within the limits provided for by the legislation in force and without prejudice to any consequences on the outcome of the visa application, he may also request the deletion of such data, as well as the restriction of processing or opposition to processing. In particular, the data subject may request the deletion of his or her personal data entered in the VIS if he or she acquires the nationality of an EU Member State within five years of the decision to grant or refuse an entry visa or if the competent administrative or judicial authority definitively orders the annulment of the order refusing a visa.

In these cases, the interested party must submit a specific request to the *Italian Embassy in Jerevan*, informing the MFAIC DPO for information.

10. Complaints

If the data subject considers that his or her rights in matters of privacy have been violated, the person concerned may lodge a complaint with the MFAIC DPO. Alternatively, he may contact the Data Protection Authority (address: Piazza Venezia 11, 00187 ROME; telephone: 0039 06 696771 (switchboard); e-mail: protocollo@gpdp.it; certified e-mail: protocollo@pec.gpdp.it).