**BONUS network’s archive to be transferred to the Academy of Finland**

The archive of the BONUS European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) will be transferred to the Academy of Finland. At the same time, the Academy will become the data controller in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

The BONUS EEIG managed the joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme BONUS (Art. 185) between 2010 and 2020. The transfer of the archive has been agreed administratively between the BONUS EEIG and the Academy, and the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman has been consulted.

The BONUS EEIG closed operations at the end of 2021 and will be dissolved during 2022. The Academy of Finland will take over all BONUS EEIG materials and archives for preservation.

The material transferred to the Academy covers the statutory accounting and HR material, as well as material related to the management and operation of the EEIG, which must be retained for possible audits under agreements made with the European Commission concerning the BONUS programme and the BANOS CSA project.

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