



Kaakkois-Suomen
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PRIVACY STATEMENT

InBar – Inline barriers and functional fiber packages

Data Protection Act 2018/1050, EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679

The privacy notice contains the information that must be provided to data subjects when processing personal data. The privacy notice helps the controller fulfil its accountability obligation. Accountability is a key principle in the Data Protection Regulation and means that the controller must be able to demonstrate compliance with data protection legislation.

1. Controller

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3. Purpose of Processing Personal Data

Personal data is processed for stakeholder cooperation within the project and for communicating about the project's actions and results. Personal data is collected during project events, such as workshops, to enable follow-up communication and to support cooperation.

4. Legal Basis for Processing

The legal basis is public interest (scientific research and research, development, and innovation activities of universities of applied sciences) and the data subject's consent. Data is also processed based on legitimate interests, for example in connection with event registration.

5. Name, Nature, Duration, and Implementers of the Project

Project name: InBar – Inline Barriers and Functional Fiber Packages

Project duration: 1 May 2026 – 31 December 2028

Project activities and objectives:

The objective of the InBar project is to develop an industrially scalable inline barrier solution for fiber-based packaging by integrating barrier functionality directly into the wet end of paper and board manufacturing. This approach enables the elimination of separate coating and lamination steps, thereby reducing costs and improving process efficiency while maintaining material recyclability. The solution combines microfibrillated cellulose (MFC) with functional additives to achieve grease and moisture resistance without fossil-based materials. The project includes laboratory-scale formulation development, recyclability assessment, pilot-scale and proof-of-concept trials, as well as environmental and economic evaluations. The activities of the InBar project are divided into the following work packages:

WP1. Composite barrier structures

WP2. Processability and recyclability evaluation

WP3. Proof-of-concept tests of the inline process concept

WP4. Utilization and impact of the results

WP5. Project management, dissemination and communication

6. Categories of Personal Data Processed

Name, organisation, job title, municipality of residence, and contact details (email and/or phone number).

7. Sources of Data

Data is collected from the data subjects themselves through registration forms, participant lists, and project surveys.

8. Disclosure of Personal Data

Personal data is not disclosed to third parties outside the project partners.

9. Transfer of Data Outside the EU or EEA

No data is transferred outside the EU/EEA by the controller. Xamk uses Microsoft cloud services (Teams and OneDrive). Microsoft mainly processes data within the EU/EEA in regional data centres and complies with the GDPR.

10. Storage Period

Personal data is stored for the duration of the project and as long as necessary thereafter. In EU-funded projects, materials may need to be archived for 10 years after the end of the programme period.

11. Protection of Personal Data

Data is stored in information systems with personal user credentials and access restrictions.

12. Rights of the Data Subject

The study subjects / data subjects may submit all requests related to this study to the contact person listed below.

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When the legal basis for processing is the public interest, the data subject has the following rights:

- the right to receive information about the processing of personal data, unless an exception is specifically provided by law
- the right to access the data
- the right to rectify the data
- the right to restrict the processing of the data
- the controller's obligation to notify of any rectification or restriction of processing
- the right to object to the processing of the data
- the right not to be subject to automated decision-making without a lawful basis.