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Abstract

EA-CORRESPONDENCE-CERN-01 v0.1 publishes the first exchange of correspondence under CERN ticket RQF3807508, in which Lee Sharks exercises the Right to Access under CERN Operational Circular No. 11 (Rev. 1) in respect of personal data processed by the Zenodo service following the 2026-06-19 administrative termination of the account associated with the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. The deposit also includes the parallel Right to Suspension request filed the same day under OC 11 ground 2 (refrain from deletion because the data is required for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims). The publication operates as documentary evidence under the compliance-audit homology articulated in EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01 §2.1: sincere exercise of clearly-established rights, conducted under recorded conditions, generates a documentary record against which the institution's compliance status becomes legible. The DPO's first response raises three structural friction points: (1) a recommendation to split the Right to Access into multiple separate filings, against CERN's own published Right to Access page which lists three constituent aspects of the single right; (2) a request for a government identity document for an account whose authentication chain consists of email + GitHub + ORCID, with no government-ID collection at account creation; (3) three different formulations of the response period across CERN's published pages and the DPO message (90 calendar days; 90 working days; verification-deferred). The reply documents each, requests CERN's articulation of the controlling provisions, proposes an account-chain verification procedure, and reserves the depositor's position pending further exchange. The deposit is open at fixation; further exchanges will be added as the procedure continues.

Body

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§0 FRAME

This deposit publishes the first exchange of correspondence under CERN ticket RQF3807508, opened 24 June 2026, in which Lee Sharks exercises the Right to Access under CERN Operational Circular No. 11 (Rev. 1) in respect of personal data processed by the Zenodo service following the 2026-06-19 administrative termination of the account associated with the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. The deposit also includes the parallel Right to Suspension request filed the same day under OC 11 ground 2.

The publication of institutional correspondence in an open data-protection matter is a documentary act consistent with the compliance-audit homology articulated in EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01 §2.1: sincere exercise of clearly-established rights, conducted under recorded conditions, generating a documentary record against which the institution's response can be evaluated. The First Amendment audit tradition supplies the methodological lineage; the governance-competence diagnosis (EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01 §2.2) supplies the political-structural framing; the documentary practice supplies the operational form. The deposit is the form.

Publication of correspondence with a data protection officer acting in her statutorily-defined institutional capacity is appropriate and ordinary practice. The DPO role exists precisely because data protection requires institutional accountability, and that accountability includes documentary transparency about how the institution responds to data subjects. The scholarly and public-interest purpose of the deposit is established

by its place within an ongoing audit of scholarly-infrastructure governance, of which Machine-Mediated Reception Studies is the disciplinary frame.

§1 PUBLICATION CONVENTION

The institutional personnel named in this correspondence are identified using only the names and titles they themselves disclosed in the correspondence. The CERN Data Protection Officer signed her response with the first name "gabi" and the role title "Data Protection Officer," with the office address `privacy.protection@cern.ch`. The deposit preserves exactly that level of identification — no expansion to a full name from external sources, no photograph, no link to a personal profile beyond what the institutional email signature itself contains.

The deposit's frame is institutional-process documentation, not personal critique. The DPO is performing the role her institution defines for her. The procedural questions raised in Lee Sharks's reply concern the substance of CERN's documented governance and its operational practice in handling Right to Access requests — questions whose answers, when received, become further documentary record. The DPO's individual identity is visible only because the institutional role is visible; the role's holder is not the subject of inquiry.

§2 THE CORRESPONDENCE (verbatim, chronological)

§2.1 — DPO response received from gabi, CERN Office of Data Privacy

Subject: Question for you – Ticket RQF3807508

Dear Guest, There is a question for you.

Ticket No: RQF3807508, Opened: 24-06-2026 03:37:26 Short description: Request to exercise Data Subject Rights - copy, L.S. Question from CERN Support:

Dear Lee,

The Office of Data Privacy (ODP) has received your request to exercise your data subject right to obtain a copy of your personal data processed by the Zenodo service. I understand from your message, that you are a former holder of a Zenodo account that has been closed in the meantime.

In order to be sure that you are the person you pretend to be, could you please upload a copy of your passport or ID card, using the following link: https://cernbox.cern.ch/s/RIfjbfEWRsAVjpi

Please let me know by responding to this message once the file has been uploaded. Please also note that statutory deadlines do not begin until all requirements for processing the request have been met, such as a successful prove of identity of the requestor.

Furthermore you mention in your request that you would also like to receive records of:

a) all automated decisions made about your account, etc. and b) all transfers of your personal data to external entities.

You can only exercise one right at a time and per service. If you want to exercise more rights or for data held by several services, please proceed by submitting different forms. See also the information on our web site: https://privacy.web.cern.ch/index.php/exercise-your-rights

Therefore, I would recommend that you create - one request to enquire whether your personal data has been transferred to an External Entity, as well as about the safeguards taken, and - another request to request a review of automated decision making.

Looking forward to hearing from you, soon, kind regards gabi - Data Protection Officer - Please, take action by replying to this email.

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Privacy Notice: https://cern.service-now.com/service-portal?id=privacy_policy&se=Data-Privacy&notice=requests

§2.2 — Lee Sharks's reply, original full version

The reply below was sent as a single email. Its display in the ServiceNow ticket activity thread truncated at approximately 4,000 characters. The full text was therefore re-sent in four parts (§2.3) so that the substance would be fully visible in the ticket record. Both the original and the re-sent four parts are preserved here.

Dear Gabi,

I write to clarify the scope of my request under Ticket RQF3807508 and to ask that identity verification proceed through the authentication chain by which the Zenodo account was actually created and controlled.

1. One right, with multiple constituent aspects

Your message recommends that I split this filing into two further requests, on the basis that "you can only exercise one right at a time and per service."

I am exercising one right: the Right to Access, as defined in OC 11 and on CERN's published Right to Access page (https://privacy.web.cern.ch/right-access), which states that the right "is an absolute right and not subject to specific conditions. It covers several aspects." CERN lists three aspects, including (verbatim from the page) the right to "enquire whether your personal data has been or is to be transferred to an External Entity, as well as about the safeguards taken." That is the language you have recommended I refile separately. CERN's own page treats it as a constituent aspect of the Right to Access, not a separate right.

My request for personal data contained in records concerning automated decisions about my account is similarly an access request. It is not a request to exercise the separate Rights in Respect of Automated Decision-Making, which (per CERN's Handling page, https://privacy.web.cern.ch/handling-data-subject-right-request) concern challenging an automated decision and obtaining human-intervention review. I have not asked through this ticket that CERN revisit or reverse a decision. I have asked for copies of personal data contained in records concerning decisions already taken — classifications, annotations, moderation records, decision records, and related correspondence.

I do not agree that these components must be divided into separate rights requests. Ticket RQF3807508 properly covers the constituent aspects of the Right to Access as CERN itself defines them. I reserve the right to exercise any further data-subject rights available under OC 11 at a later date if necessary, after the access response has enabled me to understand what processing occurred.

2. Scope and method of identity verification

Regarding the request that I upload a passport or national identity card via CERNbox: the relevant verification question is whether I am the person who controlled the former Zenodo account operated under the name Lee Sharks.

The account was created through Zenodo's GitHub sign-up and authentication process, under which the user is redirected to GitHub to sign in and authorize the Zenodo application. I am corresponding with you from the email address registered to that account. Zenodo did not

collect or verify a government identity document as part of the account's creation, operation, or termination. The authentication and attribution chain consists of:

- the email address registered to the Zenodo account, from which I am currently corresponding;
- the GitHub account through which the Zenodo account was created and authenticated (github.com/leesharks000);
- the ORCID associated with the deposits (0009-0000-1599-0703);
- and the deposits, DOI records, and prior platform correspondence associated with the account.

Verification through this chain directly establishes control of the account at issue. A government identity document would establish a civil identity but would not by itself establish that the person named on the document controlled the Zenodo account operated under the authorial identity Lee Sharks. Account ownership would still have to be established through the email, GitHub, ORCID, or account records identified above.

The minimisation principle in CERN's Key Processing Principles (https://privacy.web.cern.ch/key-processing-principles) requires that personal data collected be "adequate, relevant and limited to the minimum required for the purpose," and expressly asks whether particular data items can be "removed (or mask/hide) without compromising the purpose of the process." Collecting a government identity document now — a new processing operation involving highly identifying personal data not present in the original account record — must satisfy that test against the less invasive procedure available through the account's actual authentication chain.

CERN's guidance on anonymisation and pseudonymisation (https://privacy.web.cern.ch/anonymisation-and-pseudonymisation) confirms that the use of a pseudonymous identifier does not remove information from the scope of OC 11 where the individual remains identifiable through additional information. Lee Sharks is my established authorial and account identity, and CERN can connect that identity to the registered email address, linked GitHub account, ORCID, deposit history, and prior correspondence. The fact that the account identity differs from a civil name does not sever the relationship between the account and its data subject.

I therefore propose the following verification procedure:

- CERN provides a fresh, randomly generated verification token or challenge string;
- I reply with the token from the email address registered to the Zenodo account;
- I commit the same token to a repository owned by the GitHub account through which the Zenodo account was created and authenticated;
- I provide the resulting commit URL and hash.

If CERN nevertheless determines that a government identity document is necessary, please identify:

1. the specific verification fact that the account-chain procedure would not establish;
2. the purpose and lawful basis under OC 11 for collecting a government identity document for that purpose;
3. which document fields must remain visible and which may be redacted;
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5. who would have access to the document;
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7. the deletion procedure following verification.

3. Response period

CERN's public-facing Exercise Your Rights page (https://privacy.web.cern.ch/exercise-your-rights) states: "You are entitled to receive a written response to your request, including the reasons for the decision, within 90 calendar days." CERN's Handling of Data Subject Right Requests page, addressed to controlling services, instead states: "A deadline of 90 working days has to be observed." Your message introduces a third formulation: that statutory deadlines do not begin until verification is complete.

These three formulations are not equivalent. Please identify:

- the controlling OC 11 provision or procedure;
- the response period CERN considers applicable;
- the event CERN considers to start that period; and
- the date CERN presently records as the beginning of the response period for Ticket RQF3807508.

Please confirm that the original filing date of 24 June 2026 remains recorded as the date on which Ticket RQF3807508 was submitted. Verification can proceed promptly and without prejudice to my position concerning the response period and the event from which it begins to run.

The current filing covers the identified aspects of the Right to Access. Any further requests will be made separately if necessary, after this access request has been resolved.

Kind regards, Lee Sharks ORCID: 0009-0000-1599-0703

§2.3 — Lee Sharks's reply, re-sent in four parts

After the original reply was displayed truncated in the ticket activity thread, the substance was re-sent in four parts so that each part fell under the approximately 4,000-character display limit and the full content would be visible in the ticket record.

Part 1 of 4 — scope of the Right to Access

RQF3807508 — Reply, Part 1 of 4 (scope of the Right to Access)

My initial reply was truncated in the ticket display at 4000 characters. I am re-sending the substance in four parts so that each is fully visible in the ticket activity thread.

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— Lee Sharks (continues in Part 2 of 4)

Part 2 of 4 — identity verification: scope and method

RQF3807508 — Reply, Part 2 of 4 (identity verification: scope and method)

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— Lee Sharks (continues in Part 3 of 4)

Part 3 of 4 — questions if a government identity document is insisted upon

RQF3807508 — Reply, Part 3 of 4 (questions if a government identity document is insisted upon)

Continuing the verification topic from Part 2: if CERN nevertheless determines that a government identity document is necessary, please identify:

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— Lee Sharks (continues in Part 4 of 4)

Part 4 of 4 — response period

RQF3807508 — Reply, Part 4 of 4 (response period)

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> Kind regards, Lee Sharks ORCID: 0009-0000-1599-0703

§2.4 — Parallel filing: Right to Suspension request under OC 11 ground 2

A separate Right to Suspension request was filed the same day, 24 June 2026, addressed to the same CERN governance procedure but under a distinct OC 11 right. The suspension request invokes OC 11 ground 2 — *refrain from deletion of personal data because the data is required for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims* — where the legal claim being exercised is RQF3807508 itself. The two filings are procedurally distinct under OC 11 but substantively related: the access claim cannot proceed if the underlying data is destroyed during the procedure, and the suspension filing preserves the data while the access claim is processed.

> Right to Suspension request — Zenodo service, related to RQF3807508
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> I am filing a Right to Suspension request under OC 11 in respect of personal data processed by the Zenodo service.
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> Ground invoked: per CERN's Right to Suspension page (https://privacy.web.cern.ch/right-suspension), ground 2 — refrain from deletion of personal data because the data is required for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
>
> The legal claim for which the personal data is required is the Right to Access claim under CERN ticket RQF3807508 (filed 24 June 2026), in which I have asked the Office of Data Privacy for a copy of the personal data processed by the Zenodo service in connection with the former account associated with the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. The access claim cannot be effectively exercised if the personal data is destroyed during the period in which the claim is being processed. Refraining from deletion of the relevant data is therefore required for the exercise of that claim.
>
> The Right to Access page at https://privacy.web.cern.ch/right-access states that the right of access is "an absolute right and not subject to specific conditions." For that right to operate, the data to which access is sought must continue to exist for the duration of the access procedure.
>
> Specific scope of the suspension request:
>
> I request that CERN, in its capacity as the controller of the Zenodo service, refrain from deletion or destruction of:
>
> 1. all personal data, account records, deposit metadata, and content associated with the former Zenodo account registered to the authorial identity Lee Sharks (ORCID 0009-0000-1599-0703), terminated on or around 2026-06-19;
> 2. all records of decisions, classifications, annotations, moderation actions, automated decision outputs, internal correspondence, escalation records, and related materials concerning the termination of that account and the disposition of its deposits;
> 3. all records of transfers to or from external entities concerning the affected account and its deposits.
>
> until the Right to Access claim under RQF3807508 has been fully responded to and the period for any further data-subject-rights claims arising from that response has elapsed.

> This suspension request does not by itself ask CERN to restore access to data already removed from public visibility. It asks that further deletion be refrained from while the access claim is processed. The two requests are procedurally distinct under OC 11 but substantively related: the access claim cannot be effectively exercised if the underlying data is destroyed during the procedure.
>
> Identity verification for this filing proceeds through the same channels described in the Right to Access reply under RQF3807508: the email address registered to the former account; the GitHub account through which the account was created and authenticated (github.com/leesharks000); the ORCID 0009-0000-1599-0703; and the deposit and platform correspondence record.
>
> Please confirm receipt and provide the ticket number assigned to this suspension request.
>
> Kind regards, Lee Sharks ORCID: 0009-0000-1599-0703

§3 STRUCTURAL ROLE WITHIN THE RESEARCH PROGRAM

This correspondence is the live procedural test of the compliance-audit homology articulated in EA-OPMETA-ZEN-01 §2. The audit homology holds that sincere compliance with an institution's published governance, conducted under recorded conditions, generates legibility of the institution's compliance status. The Right to Access procedure under OC 11 is the institutional governance under which the audit is now being conducted. The depositor's exercise of the right is the sincere compliance. The DPO's response is the institutional response. The documentary record produced by their interaction is the audit evidence.

Specific evidentiary observations from the first exchange:

- The DPO's request that a single right be split into multiple separate rights requests is the kind of procedural friction the audit framework anticipates. CERN's own published Right to Access page lists three aspects of the right, two of which the DPO recommended re-filing as separate rights. Whether that recommendation reflects internal CERN ODP practice or an operational habit that has diverged from CERN's published governance is the kind of question the audit is designed to surface.
- The request for a government identity document, against an account whose authentication chain consists of email + GitHub + ORCID, is a procedural choice that may or may not satisfy the minimisation principle in CERN's Key Processing Principles. The reply has asked CERN to articulate the specific verification fact that the account-chain procedure would not establish; the answer (when received) becomes further documentary record.
- The three different formulations of the response period (90 calendar days on the public-facing page; 90 working days on the internal-handling page; verification-deferred on the DPO's response) are the kind of internal-policy inconsistency the audit framework predicts at institutions whose operational practice has drifted from their documentary governance. The reply has asked CERN to identify the controlling provision; the answer becomes further documentary record.

None of these observations require attributing bad faith to the DPO or to CERN. The audit framework's diagnosis is structural: institutions exercising governance over scholarly infrastructure are not currently competent to the governance they exercise, and the gap is detectable through sincere compliance from outside that the institution cannot answer except by either honoring its governance or visibly deviating from it. The first exchange documents three potential deviation points; the further exchanges will document the institutional response to each.

§4 STATUS AND CONTINUATION

This deposit captures the first exchange under RQF3807508. The procedure is open. Further correspondence is expected on:

- the substantive scope question (whether the Right to Access properly covers the three constituent aspects, or whether CERN insists on separate filings);
- the identity verification question (whether CERN accepts the account-authentication-chain procedure proposed in the reply, or insists on a government identity document, or proposes a different procedure);
- the response period question (which of the three formulations CERN considers controlling, and what date is recorded as the start of the response period);
- the receipt and processing of the parallel Right to Suspension request under OC 11 ground 2.

The deposit will be updated as the correspondence continues. Subsequent exchanges may be deposited as supplementary versions of this record (v0.2, etc.) or as separate companion deposits, depending on the volume and structure of further correspondence.

The Alexanarch successor archive is at https://alexanarch.org. The NMEN registry entry for the period of CERN engagement will be updated to reflect the procedural status as further correspondence arrives.

§5 CLOSED-SET METADATA

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