

# Privacy Policy

## NAME AND ADDRESS

The responsible party within the meaning of the General Data Protection Regulation (hereinafter “DSGVO”) and other national data protection laws of the Member States as well as other data protection regulations is:

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## General Data Processing

### Scope and Permission of Processing Personal Data

We collect and use personal data of our users only to the extent necessary to provide the functionality of our website and our content and services. The collection and use of personal data of our users usually takes place only with the consent of the user.

An exception applies in cases where prior consent cannot be obtained for practical reasons and the processing of the data is permitted by legal provisions.

The legal basis for processing personal data with the prior consent of the data subject is Article 6(1) (a) DSGVO. For the processing of personal data required to fulfill a contract or to carry out pre-contractual measures, the legal basis is Article 6(1)(b) DSGVO. For the processing of personal data necessary to fulfill a legal obligation, the legal basis is Article 6(1)(c) DSGVO. In cases where the processing is necessary to protect vital interests of the data subject or another natural person, Article 6(1)(d) DSGVO serves as the legal basis. If the processing is necessary for the purposes of legitimate interests pursued by our company or a third party, and these interests outweigh the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject, Article 6(1)(f) DSGVO is the legal basis for the processing of the data.

### Data Deletion and Storage Duration

The personal data of the data subject will be deleted or blocked as soon as the purpose of storage ceases to apply. Further storage may occur if provided for by legal requirements for data processing. In such cases, data will be blocked or deleted when the legally prescribed storage period expires, unless there is a necessity for further storage of the data for contract conclusion or fulfillment.

# **Data Processing through the Use of Our Website**

## **Visiting Our Website**

When you visit our website, the browser used on your device automatically sends information to the server of our website. This information is temporarily stored in a so-called log file. The following information is collected without any action on your part and stored until automated deletion: IP address of the requesting computer, date and time of access, name and URL of the retrieved file, website from which the access is made (referrer URL), the browser used and, if applicable, the operating system of your computer, and the name of your access provider.

The mentioned data are processed by us for the following purposes: ensuring a smooth connection of the website, ensuring comfortable use of our website, evaluating system security and stability, and for other administrative purposes.

The legal basis for data processing is Article 6(1)(f) DSGVO. Our legitimate interest follows from the purposes listed above for data collection. In no case do we use the collected data for the purpose of drawing conclusions about your person.

## **Data Sharing**

Your personal data will not be transmitted to third parties for purposes other than those listed below. We share your personal data with third parties only if: you have given your explicit consent according to Article 6(1)(a) DSGVO, the transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims and there is no reason to assume that you have an overriding interest in not having your data disclosed according to Article 6(1)(f) DSGVO, there is a legal obligation for the transfer according to Article 6(1)(c) DSGVO, and it is legally permissible and necessary for the processing of contractual relationships with you according to Article 6(1)(b) DSGVO.

## **Use of Cookies**

We use cookies on our website to make it more user-friendly. Some elements of our website require that the calling browser can be identified even after a page change.

Cookies are small files that enable the storage of specific, device-related information on the access device of the user (PC, smartphone, etc.). They serve to enhance the user-friendliness of websites and thus benefit the users (e.g., storage of login data). Users can influence the use of cookies. Most browsers have an option to restrict or completely prevent the storage of cookies. However, it is pointed out that the use and especially the user comfort without cookies may be limited.

The data collected in this way are pseudonymized through technical precautions. Therefore, an assignment of the data to the calling user is no longer possible. The data will not be stored together with other personal data of the users.

The legal basis for the processing of personal data using cookies is Article 6(1)(f) DSGVO. The legal basis for the processing of personal data using technically necessary cookies is Article 6(1)(f) DSGVO. The legal basis for the processing of personal data using cookies for analysis purposes, if consent has been given by the user, is Article 6(1)(a) DSGVO.

The purpose of using technically necessary cookies is to simplify the use of websites for users. Some functions of our website cannot be offered without the use of cookies. For these, it is necessary that the browser is recognized even after a page change.

In these purposes, our legitimate interest in the processing of personal data pursuant to Article 6(1) (f) DSGVO also lies.

## **Rights of the Data Subject**

You have the right to:

According to Article 15 DSGVO, request information about your personal data processed by us. In particular, you can request information about the processing purposes, the category of personal data, the categories of recipients to whom your data has been or will be disclosed, the planned storage period, the existence of a right to correction, deletion, restriction of processing or objection, the existence of a right to complain, the origin of your data, if it was not collected by us, as well as the existence of automated decision-making including profiling and, if applicable, meaningful information about its details;

According to Article 16 DSGVO, immediately request the correction of incorrect or the completion of your personal data stored by us;

According to Article 17 DSGVO, request the deletion of your personal data stored by us, unless the processing is necessary to exercise the right to freedom of expression and information, to fulfill a legal obligation, for reasons of public interest or to assert, exercise or defend legal claims;

According to Article 18 DSGVO, request the restriction of the processing of your personal data if you dispute the accuracy of the data, the processing is unlawful, but you oppose its deletion, and we no longer need the data, but you need it to assert, exercise or defend legal claims or you have objected to the processing according to Article 21 DSGVO;

According to Article 20 DSGVO, receive your personal data that you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used, and machine-readable format or request the transfer to another responsible party;

According to Article 7(3) DSGVO, withdraw your consent given to us at any time. As a result, we may no longer continue the data processing based on this consent for the future, and

According to Article 77 DSGVO, lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority. In general, you can contact the supervisory authority of your usual place of residence or workplace or our law office for this purpose.

### **Right to Object**

You have the right to object at any time, for reasons arising from your particular situation, to the processing of your personal data, which is based on Article 6(1)(e) or (f) DSGVO; this also applies to profiling based on these provisions.

The responsible party will no longer process the personal data unless they can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override your interests, rights, and freedoms, or the processing serves to assert, exercise, or defend legal claims.

If your personal data is processed for direct marketing purposes, you have the right to object at any time to the processing of personal data concerning you for the purposes of such advertising; this also applies to profiling insofar as it is associated with such direct marketing.

If you object to the processing for direct marketing purposes, your personal data will no longer be processed for these purposes.

You have the possibility to exercise your right to object in connection with the use of information society services, notwithstanding Directive 2002/58/EC, by means of automated procedures using technical specifications.

## **Automated Decision-Making in Individual Cases Including Profiling**

You have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing – including profiling – which produces legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affects you. This does not apply if the decision:

is necessary for the conclusion or performance of a contract between you and the responsible party, is authorized by Union or Member State law to which the responsible party is subject and which also lays down suitable measures to safeguard your rights and freedoms as well as your legitimate interests or is based on your explicit consent.

However, these decisions may not be based on special categories of personal data under Article 9(1) DSGVO, unless Article 9(2)(a) or (g) applies and suitable measures to safeguard your rights and freedoms and your legitimate interests have been taken.

With regard to the cases referred to in (1) and (3), the responsible party shall take appropriate measures to safeguard the rights and freedoms and your legitimate interests, which include at least the right to obtain human intervention on the part of the responsible party, to express their point of view and to contest the decision.

As a responsible company, we refrain from automatic decision-making or profiling.

## **Data Security**

We use the widespread SSL (Secure Socket Layer) procedure in connection with the highest level of encryption supported by your browser during website visits. In general, this is 256-bit encryption. If your browser does not support 256-bit encryption, we use 128-bit v3 technology instead. You can tell whether an individual page of our website is transmitted in encrypted form by the closed display of the key or lock symbol in the lower status bar of your browser.

We also use appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect your data against accidental or intentional manipulation, partial or complete loss, destruction, or unauthorized access by third parties. Our security measures are continuously improved

## **Currency and Changes to This Privacy Policy**

This privacy policy is currently valid and is dated January 2023. Due to the further development of our website and offers above or due to changed legal or regulatory requirements, it may become

necessary to change this privacy policy. The current privacy policy can be accessed and printed out by you at any time via this address.