Data Protection Policy

Information regarding processing of your data pursuant to Article 13 of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

References to legal provisions are based on the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and the Hessen Data Protection and Freedom of Information Act (HDSIG) as amended, effective from 25 May 2018.

I. Controller and Official Data Protection Officer

The Controller responsible for processing of personal data on this website is the Hessen State Chancellery, Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU, Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels (Tel: 0032-27395000) datenschutzbeauftragter@lv-bruessel.hessen.de

II. Hosting

The website is hosted on our behalf and according to our requirements by the Hessen Centre for Data Processing (www.hzd.hessen.de) as the technical service provider.

III. Handling your data

1. Personal data

Pursuant to Article 4 GDPR, personal data refers to any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person. A natural person is considered identifiable if they can be identified directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, a code number, location data, an online code, or one or several personal features specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of this natural person.

2. Online registration

As a user, you can register for events held by the government of the State of Hessen online using an electronic form. You can also send comments via this form. This data, for example first name and surname, email address, and the individual message are stored at the Hessen Centre for Data Processing (HZD) and in the Hessen State Chancellery, and shall only be used to perform our tasks, including but not limited to planning and staging events held by the government of the State of Hessen relating to press and public relations, and for the processing of your request by the relevant persons. Your contact details are also used to issue invitations to similar events, insofar as we assume that the invitation to the new event is of interest to you. If you do not agree to this, please send an informal email to onlineanmeldung@stk.hessen.de or contact us in writing at the above address. The legal basis for data processing is point e) of Article 6(1) GDPR, in conjunction with Section 3 paragraph 1 and Section 21 paragraph 1 subparagraph 1 HDSIG.

3. Usage data

When an internet file is requested, the following request data is retained by the Hessen Centre for Data Processing (HZD) for statistical analysis by staff in the state administration or the HZD:

- page from which the file was requested,
- name of the opened file,
- date and time of the request,
- volume of data transferred,
- request status (file transferred, file not found, etc.),
- request method (GET, POST),
- description of the web browser type used or the operating system used,
- full IP address of the requesting computer,
- session ID,
- cookies

For data security reasons, i.e. ability to detect unauthorised access or prevent misuse of the website, the full IP address of the requesting computer is recorded, saved, and automatically deleted seven days after the end of the website visit.

Cookies or JAVA applets can be used on the website. These functions can be disabled by the user changing the browser settings.

IV. Your rights

As the website user, you have various rights pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulation and the Hessen Data Protection and Freedom of Information Act, including but not limited to the rights arising from Articles 15 to 18, 21 GDPR:

1. Right to access

Pursuant to Article 15 GDPR, you can request information about your personal data that we process. You should provide detailed information with your request to make it easier for us to compile the necessary data. Please note that your right to access is restricted by the provisions of Section 24 paragraph 2, Section 26 paragraph 2, and Section 33 HDSIG.

2. Right to rectification

You shall have the right to request rectification pursuant to Article 16 GDPR if your personal details are inaccurate. If your data is incomplete, you have the right to request that it be completed.

3. Right to be forgotten (erasure)

Under the terms of Article 17 GDPR and Section 34 HDSIG, you may request the erasure of your personal data.

4. Right to restriction of processing

Pursuant to the specifications of Article 18 GDPR, you have the right to request that the processing of your personal data be restricted.

5. Right to object

Pursuant to Article 21 GDPR, you have the right to object at any time to processing of your personal data on grounds relating to your particular situation.

6. Right to lodge complaints

If you are of the opinion that your data has not been processed in compliance with data protection provisions, you may lodge a complaint with the relevant supervisory authority. This authority is the Hessen Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Gustav-Stresemann-Ring 1, 65189 Wiesbaden, Tel. +49 (0)611 1408-0. General information (in German language) regarding data protection can be found on the website of the Hessen Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (www.datenschutz.hessen.de).