

Data protection information for politicians and their employees

We, Kürschners Politikkontakte, have been providing reliable information on parliaments, how they are organised, their members, working methods, legal bases and committees, as well as governments and their members for over 70 years. Our publishing activities have always been characterised by making relevant information available to the interested public, reducing the distance between citizens and politics and thus supporting direct dialogue. In this respect, our publisher has a legitimate interest in collecting the relevant data and processing it in the products offered (General Data Protection Regulation Article 6(1)(f)).

Name and address of the controller

The organisation responsible for processing your personal data is:

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How we get the data

The group of people relevant to us is constantly changing. This essentially happens due to elections and the formation of governments and by accepting or resigning a mandate or function. In addition, responsibilities and functions within this group of people change. The public has a legitimate interest in receiving information on the current situation.

When a new person is created in our database, key data such as surname, first name, institution, party/political group, and mandate/function are entered first. This basic data comes from publicly accessible sources, such as information from the Federal Returning Officer, state returning officers, candidate or MP homepages, and parliamentary or government websites.

We will then ask you to provide further information. You will receive either a questionnaire to be completed or a pre-filled questionnaire with a request for corrections or additions. All other information is voluntary.

What we record

There are two different layout profiles – the communication profile and the personal profile.

The personal profile consists of:

- surname, first name, title if applicable, birth name if applicable
- party/parliamentary group
- profession
- place of residence with postcode
- date of birth, year of birth
- denomination
- marital status, number of children
- biography with details of school, training, studies, professional career, career in politics, party membership, party offices, political mandates and functions, other memberships in associations, clubs, social institutions, etc., membership of parliaments with offices and functions held there
- constituency or list, election result
- frequency of membership in parliaments
- communication data such as parliamentary address with telephone and fax numbers, email address, constituency address with telephone/fax number
- information on staff at the parliament and in the constituency office

The communication profile is made up of:


- last name, first name, and title, if applicable
- function and functional unit (e.g. subdivision, department, committee secretariat, etc.)
- telephone number, fax number, email address

What we do with the data and to whom we transfer it

Data is stored in our editorial database, updated as required and prepared for use in Kürschners products.

The publishing products that are generated and produced from this are:

1. Printed products in the form of Kürschners handbooks on relevant parliaments
2. Printed products in the form of Kürschners handbooks on political subject areas, regions, members of political groups/parties or similar.
3. The Kürschners Database on all parliaments and administrations in Germany
4. Kürschners Databases with information on people from the municipal and diplomatic sectors
5. Kürschnersmart, the mobile "Kürschner" for the smartphone with information on all members of parliament at the federal, state and European level
6. Digital data compilations from the federal, state, European and municipal policy areas



Your data is thus accessible to our clients in online databases and in the printed products we publish. Only persons with a user licence have access to the online databases.

When and how data is deleted

All personal data will be deleted from the online databases immediately if the function in connection with which the data was collected and made available no longer exists. For members of parliament, for example, this means that the data is deleted on the day the mandate ends and can no longer be retrieved.

The information will, of course, remain in the printed products but will not be reprinted in new editions. The information is archived internally at Kürschners to enable historical documentation.

How is it possible to view data

You can view your own data at any time. Please send your request by email to redaktion@kuerschners.com. A reply will be sent within 48 hours or on the working day following the request.

Your rights

Insofar as we process your data, you have various data protection rights. Per Section 34 of the German Federal Data Protection Act and Art. 15 EU GDPR, you have the right to information about the personal data stored about you, the recipients or categories of recipients to whom data is disclosed and the purpose of the storage. In addition, you may be entitled to rectification, erasure or restriction (of processing) of your personal data in accordance with Section 35 of the German Federal Data Protection Act and Articles 16 to 18 EU GDPR. Per Art. 20 GDPR, you can also request the transfer of the data to another controller, for example, a new employer. In addition, you can object to the further processing of your data in whole or in part if we process your data based on a legitimate interest (Art. 6(1)(f) EU GDPR). In the event of an objection, we will stop processing your personal data upon receipt of the objection and during the subsequent review. In the event of a justified objection, we will delete it from the online databases directly upon completion of the review (Section 36 of the German Federal Data Protection Act and Art. 21 EU GDPR), and they will be removed accordingly in the next issue of the printed products. You can withdraw your consent to data processing at any time; we will no longer process your personal data unless we are legally permitted. An objection or revocation does not affect the permissibility of data processing in the past.

Finally, as per Art. 77 GDPR, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent data protection authority.

We will respect your rights immediately and free of charge. Please get in touch with us or our data protection officer.