

Data Protection

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. We attach the utmost importance to the protection of your personal data. This privacy statement informs you about how your personal data is processed when you visit our website and online store, view our database range, and when you order and receive our newsletter.

Name and address of the controller

The organisation responsible for processing your personal data is:

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The controller's data protection officer is
Markus Fleischer
Email datenschutz@kuerschners.com

You can also reach him by post, telephone or fax using the contact information above.

Websites Privacy Policy

1. Provision of our websites

1.1 Creation of log files

Description and scope of data processing

Each time our website is accessed, our system automatically collects data and information from the computer system of the accessing computer. The following data is collected:

- Information about the browser type and version used
- the operating system of the person using it
- the Internet service provider of the user
- the IP address of the user
- the date and time of access
- websites from which the user's system accesses our website
- websites that are accessed by the user's system via our website

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

Temporary storage of the IP address by the system is necessary to enable delivery of the website to the user's computer. The other data listed above is required to display the website and ensure system security. An evaluation of this data, together with the user's personal data, does not take place. These purposes also constitute our legitimate interest in data processing in accordance with Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR. Since the collection of data for the provision of the website is absolutely necessary for the operation of our Internet pages, there is no possibility of objection if you wish to visit our site.

Duration of storage

All the above data will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for the purpose for which it was collected.

1.2 Use of cookies

Description and scope of data processing

Our website uses technically necessary cookies. Cookies are text files that are stored in the Internet browser or by the Internet browser on the user's computer system. When someone accesses a website, a cookie may be stored in the operating system of the person using the website. This cookie contains a characteristic string of characters that enables the browser to be uniquely identified when the website is called up again.

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

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

The purpose of using technically necessary cookies is to enable users to use our websites in a specific way. Some functions of our website cannot be offered without the use of cookies. This requires the browser to be recognised even after a page change.

We require cookies for the following applications and functions:

- logging in to the database
- remembering entered search terms
- the shopping cart

These purposes also constitute our legitimate interest in data processing in accordance with Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR.

Right to object

You can object to the use of cookies by selecting browser settings so that no cookies are set. In this case, you will not be able to use some functions on our website; these are described in detail in the previous paragraph.

Duration of storage

The technically necessary cookies are valid until you leave our website; they are deleted from our database after 24 hours. Cookies that have already been saved can be deleted at any time. This can also be automated. You can set this in your browser.

1.3 Web analysis

On our website, data is collected and stored using the web analysis service Matomo (formerly Piwik), a service from InnoCraft Ltd, 150 Willis St, 6011 Wellington, New Zealand, based on our legitimate interest in the statistical analysis of user behaviour for optimisation purposes in accordance with Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR. Pseudonymised user profiles can be created and evaluated from this data for the same purpose. Cookies can be used for this purpose, which, among other things, makes it possible to recognise the Internet browser. The data collected using Matomo technology (including your pseudonymised IP address) is processed on our servers located in Germany.

If you do not agree to the storage and analysis of this data from your visit, you can object to the storage and use of this data at any time by clicking below. In this case, a so-called opt-out cookie is

stored in your browser, which means that Matomo does not collect any session data. Please note that the deletion of all your cookies means that the opt-out cookie will also be deleted and may have to be reactivated by you.

1.4 Contact form and email contact

Description and scope of data processing

There is a contact form on our website which can be used to contact us electronically. If someone makes use of this option, the data entered in the input mask will be transmitted to us and stored. This data is:

- last name, first name
- institution
- email address
- telephone number
- further information provided by you

At the time the message is sent, the date and time of data transmission are also saved.

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

The processing of the personal data from the input mask is only to facilitate contacting you. If you contact us by email, this also constitutes the necessary legitimate interest in the processing of the data (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR) unless you have consented to the processing by entering your data (Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR) or this serves to initiate and process the contract (Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR).

The other personal data processed during the sending process is used to prevent misuse of the contact form and to ensure the security of our information technology systems.

Right to object and revoke

If we process your data based on our legitimate interest (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR), you can object to the further processing of your data for a specific reason. If we process your data based on your consent (Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR), you can revoke this at any time free of charge. To do so, please get in touch with us or our data protection officer using the contact details provided at the beginning. 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 upon completion of the review (Section 36 German Federal Data Protection Act, Art. 21 EU GDPR). If you withdraw your consent, we will stop processing your data and delete your details unless a statutory provision permits further processing. An objection or revocation does not affect the permissibility of data processing in the past.

Duration of storage

The data will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for the purpose for which it was collected. For the personal data from the input screen of the contact form and those sent by email, this is the case when the respective conversation has ended, and no legal permission for further processing applies, e.g. as documentation for a concluded contract. The conversation is ended when it can be seen from the circumstances that the matter in question has been conclusively clarified.

The additional personal data collected during the sending process will be deleted within seven days.

2. Registration for our database products

Description and scope of data processing

On our website, we offer users the opportunity to register by providing personal data. The data is entered into an input mask and transmitted to us. The data is stored on servers in Germany by a

carefully selected service provider that is contractually obliged to comply with data protection regulations. Incidentally, the data will not be passed on to third parties.

The following data is collected as part of the registration process:

- last name, first name
- company
- address
- email address
- telephone number

The following data is also stored at the time of registration:

- the IP address of the user
- the date and time of registration

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

Registration is required to use our database services. We use the registration process to ensure that only authorised users have access to our database products. We also need the data for sending invoices and for personal contact in the event of any further questions regarding the content and operation of the database. The processing of your personal data for this purpose is therefore carried out to fulfil the contract in accordance with Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR. If we have not concluded the contract with you, but, e.g. your employer or your company, the data processing is in our legitimate interest in fulfilling the contract with this client within the meaning of Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR.

Right to object

If we process your data based on our legitimate interest (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR), you can object to the further processing of your data for a specific reason. To do so, please get in touch with us or our data protection officer using the contact details provided at the beginning. 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 upon completion of the review (Section 36 German Federal Data Protection Act, Art. 21 EU GDPR). An objection does not affect the permissibility of data processing in the past.

Duration of storage

The data processed during registration will be deleted when the licence is terminated, and the user account is deleted, or you object to the further processing of your personal data unless further processing is permitted by law. Legal permission exists, in particular for billing-related data, which we must retain for ten years.

3. Shopping in our online store

Description and scope of data processing

When you make a purchase in our online store, we collect the following data as part of the ordering process:

- last name, first name
- company
- address
- email address
- telephone number

The data is entered into an input mask and transmitted to us. The data is stored on servers in Germany by a carefully selected service provider that is contractually obliged to comply with data protection regulations. Incidentally, the data will not be passed on to third parties.

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

We require the above data for the dispatch of goods and invoices. The processing of your personal data for this purpose is therefore carried out to fulfil the contract in accordance with Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR.

Duration of storage

The data processed during registration will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for processing the order, for any subsequent legal claims or due to statutory retention obligations. In particular, we must store the billing-relevant data of your order for ten years due to tax regulations.

3.1 PayPal

We have integrated PayPal components into our online store. PayPal is an online payment service provider. Payments are processed via so-called PayPal accounts, which are virtual private or business accounts. PayPal also offers the option of processing virtual payments via credit cards if someone does not have a PayPal account. A PayPal account is managed via an email address, which is why there is no traditional account number. PayPal makes it possible to initiate online payments to third parties or to receive payments. PayPal also assumes trustee functions and offers buyer protection services.

PayPal's European operating is PayPal (Europe) S.à.r.l. & Cie. S.C.A., 22-24 Boulevard Royal, 2449 Luxembourg, Luxembourg

If you select "PayPal" as the payment option during the order process in our online store, your data will be automatically transmitted to PayPal. This is necessary to enable payment processing via PayPal (Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR); this selection is voluntary for you.

The personal data transmitted to PayPal is first name, last name, address, email address, IP address, telephone number, mobile phone number, the invoice amount and possibly other data necessary for payment processing in individual cases. Personal data in connection with the respective order is also required to process the purchase contract.

The purpose of transmitting the data is to process payments, including fraud prevention. Insofar as the transmitted data is not absolutely necessary for payment processing, there is a legitimate interest in the transmission for fraud prevention (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR).

How PayPal handles your data is beyond our control, is beyond our knowledge and is the subject of the contractual relationship between you and PayPal. The applicable data protection provisions of PayPal may be accessed at www.paypal.com.

4. Newsletter

Description and scope of data processing

You can subscribe to a free newsletter on our website. When registering for the newsletter, the email address entered in the input mask is transmitted to us and stored.

The following data is also collected during registration:

- the IP address of the calling computer
- the date and time of processing

Your consent is obtained for the data processing as part of the registration process, and reference is made to this privacy policy. The data collected is stored by our newsletter dispatch service provider on servers in Germany and used exclusively for sending the newsletter. We work with a carefully selected service provider who is contractually obliged to comply with data protection regulations. Incidentally, the data will not be passed on to third parties.

Purpose of data processing and legal basis

The purpose of collecting the email address is to deliver the newsletter. The legal basis for the processing of data after registration for the newsletter is Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR if the user has given consent. The additional recording of the IP address, date and time is necessary for documentation purposes, as we have to prove that you have consented to receive the newsletter.

Duration of storage

Your personal data for receiving the newsletter will be deleted if you unsubscribe, i.e., withdraw your consent unless a legal provision permits further processing.

Right of revocation

You can revoke your consent to receive the newsletter free of charge at any time. For this purpose, you will find a corresponding link at the end of each newsletter. Alternatively, you can contact us or our data protection officer using the contact details provided at the beginning. A revocation does not affect the permissibility of data processing in the past.

5. Rights of data subjects

Insofar as we process data relating to you as a natural person, you are entitled to 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 and its origin, 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, Art. 16–18 EU GDPR. Per Art. 20 GDPR, you can also request the transfer of the data to another controller, e.g. a new employer.

You can also object to the further processing of your data for a particular reason 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 upon completion of the review. (Section 36 of the German Federal Data Protection Act, Art. 21 EU GDPR). 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.

You can revoke your consent to data processing (Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR) at any time; we will then no longer process your personal data unless we are legally permitted to do so.

We will respect your rights immediately and free of charge. Please get in touch with us or our data protection officer; you will find our contact details at the beginning of this privacy policy.

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