

Privacy Policy

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Data protection is of a particularly high priority for the WHS Foundation GmbH. The use of our internet pages is possible without any indication of personal data; however, the usage of some services like the WHS Community portal or the registration process require processing of personal data. If the processing of personal data is necessary and there is no statutory basis for such processing, consent from the data subject is being obtained.

The processing of personal data, such as the name, address, e-mail address, or telephone number, is in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and in accordance with the country-specific data protection regulations applicable to the WHS Foundation GmbH. The WHS Foundation GmbH has implemented numerous technical and organizational measures to ensure the most complete protection of personal data processed through this website. However, internet-based data transmissions may in principle have security gaps, so absolute protection may not be guaranteed.

Data Protection Officer

Controller for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), other data protection laws applicable in member states of the European Union and other provisions related to data protection is:

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Collection of Data and Information

Information the WHS Foundation GmbH collects is gathered from several sources for statistical purposes. These include, but are not limited to: conference registrations, abstracts and/or publications and newsletter subscriptions. From these sources, postal addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, demographic information and/or all other information given by individuals who volunteer such information may be collected. As part of a subscription or registration agreement, registrants will be contacted through mail, email, and/or phone to communicate with them about their subscription and/or registration. They will be contacted for renewal, surveys, updates concerning their account profile and special offers related to their subscription and/or registration. The information may also be used for marketing purposes.

We will share the personal data of all attendees for registration purposes only with the following organizations:

1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 500 Fifth Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109, USA
2. Agentur WOK GmbH, Palisadenstraße 48, 10243 Berlin, Germany

Certain information — such as password and credit card number — will never be disclosed in any form to any third party.

Furthermore, individual data and documents (scientific abstracts, application forms, supporting documentation, etc.) will be collected. This data may be made publicly accessible in print or in electronic form, such as abstract books, scientific journals, conference programs, online databases and catalogues as well as on related websites.

Online Data Collection

The website of the WHS Foundation GmbH collects a series of general data and information when the website is called up. This general data and information are stored in the server log files. Collected may be (1) the browser types and versions used, (2) the operating system used by the accessing system, (3) the website from which an accessing system reaches our website, (4) the sub-websites, (5) the date and time of access to the internet

site, (6) an internet protocol address (IP address), (7) the internet service provider of the accessing system, and (8) any other similar data and information that may be used in the event of attacks on our information technology systems.

When using these general data and information, the WHS Foundation GmbH does not draw any conclusions about the data subject. Collected data and information are statistically analyzed anonymously. The anonymous data of the server log files are stored separately from all personal data provided by a data subject.

The data subject may prevent the setting of cookies through the website by means of a corresponding setting of the internet browser used, and may thus permanently deny the setting of cookies. Furthermore, already set cookies may be deleted at any time via an internet browser or other software programs. This is possible in all popular internet browsers. If the data subject deactivates the setting of cookies in the browser used, not all functions of our website may be entirely usable.

Newsletter Subscription

On the website, users can subscribe for a newsletter. During the registration for the newsletter, the IP address of the computer system assigned by the internet service provider (ISP) and used by the data subject at the time of the registration is stored, as well as the date and time of the registration. The collection of this data is necessary in order to understand the (possible) misuse of the e-mail address of a data subject at a later date, and it therefore serves the aim of the legal protection of the controller.

The subscription to the newsletter may be terminated by the data subject at any time. The consent to the storage of personal data, which the data subject has given for shipping the newsletter, may be revoked at any time. For the purpose of revocation of consent, a corresponding link is found in each newsletter.

Newsletter Tracking

The newsletter contains so-called tracking pixels enabling log file recording and analysis. This allows a statistical analysis of the success or failure of online marketing campaigns. Based on the embedded tracking pixel, the WHS Foundation GmbH may see if and when an e-mail was opened by a data subject, and which links in the e-mail were called up by data subjects.

Such personal data collected in the tracking pixels contained in the newsletters are stored and analyzed by the controller in order to optimize the shipping of the newsletter, as well as to adapt the content of future newsletters even better to the interests of the data subject. These personal data will not be passed on to third parties.

Rights of the Data Subject

Each data subject shall have the rights granted by the European legislator:

- Right of confirmation
- Right of access
- Right to rectification
- Right to erasure (Right to be forgotten)

- Right of restriction of processing
- Right to data portability
- Right to object
- Automated individual decision-making, including profiling
- Right to withdraw data protection consent

Google Analytics

On this website, Google Analytics (with the anonymizer function) is integrated. Google Analytics is a web analytics service, collecting and analyzing data about the behavior of website visitors. A web analysis service collects e.g. data about the website from which a person has come, which sub-pages were visited, or how often and for what duration a sub-page was viewed. Web analytics are mainly used for the optimization of a website and in order to carry out a cost-benefit analysis of internet advertising.

The operator of the Google Analytics component is Google Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View, CA 94043-1351, United States.

The data subject has the possibility of objecting to a collection of data that are generated by Google Analytics, which is related to the use of this website, as well as the processing of this data by Google and the chance to preclude any such. For this purpose, the data subject must download a browser add-on under the link <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout> and install it. This browser add-on informs Google Analytics through a JavaScript, that any data and information about the visits of internet pages may not be transmitted to Google Analytics. The installation of the browser add-ons is considered an objection by Google.

Further information and the applicable data protection provisions of Google may be retrieved under <https://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/> and under <http://www.google.com/analytics/terms/us.html>.

Policy Updates

From time to time, the WHS Foundation GmbH may use information provided for new, unanticipated uses not previously disclosed in this privacy policy. If information practices change, any policy adjustments will be posted on this website immediately. This serves as notification of these changes.