



Privacy Policy

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Wenn Sie ein Angebot der Suhler Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG nutzen, verarbeitet diese Ihre personenbezogenen Daten. Mit diesen Datenschutzhinweisen informieren wir Sie, wie und warum wir Ihre Daten verarbeiten und wie wir gewährleisten, dass sie vertraulich bleiben und geschützt sind.

We take data protection seriously: as a matter of principle, we only process personal data if this is necessary for the provision of a service or offer or if it is provided voluntarily by the user. We also use technical and operational security measures to protect personal data against accidental or intentional manipulation, loss, destruction or access by unauthorised persons. We regularly review and modernise these precautions.

Privacy policy for applications

If you have applied for a job with us, you will find the necessary data protection information [here](#).

Data protection at a glance

What data do we collect?

- Inventory data (e.g., names, addresses)
- Contact details (e.g., email, phone numbers)
- Content data (e.g., entries in online forms)
- Payment data (e.g., bank details, invoices, payment history)
- Contract data (e.g., subject matter of the contract, term)
- Usage data (e.g., websites visited, interest in content, access times)
- Meta/communication data (e.g., device information, IP addresses, ID)

How do we collect the data?

We collect the data that is generated when you access our digital offers automatically. Otherwise, we collect data based on your entries or messages or through the use of cookies or similar technologies.

What do we use the data for?

Bereitstellung der Inhalte

- Cookies und ähnliche Technologien
- technische Bereitstellung und Sicherheit
- Unbedingt erforderliche Technologie
- Einbindung von externen Multimedia-Inhalten (Video, Audios, Kartendienste, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

Produktoptimierung

- Weiterentwicklung der Nutzerfreundlichkeit
- Reichweitenmessung
- Nutzungsanalyse

Vertragsabwicklung

- Bestellen von Produkten

Kommunikation

- Kontakt und Kommunikation

Do we share data?

If you have given your consent or we are otherwise legally authorized to do so, we will pass on your personal data to service providers (e.g., hosting, marketing, sales partners, payment service providers) for the above-mentioned purposes. In such cases, we comply with the legal requirements and, in particular, conclude appropriate contracts or agreements with the recipients of your data to protect your data.

We transfer personal data to other companies within our group of companies or grant them access to this data for administrative purposes. This transfer of data is based on our legitimate business and economic interests or takes place if it is necessary to fulfill our contractual obligations or if the consent of the data subjects or legal permission has been obtained.

Do we transfer data to third countries?

In order to use our digital services, it may be necessary to transfer certain personal data to third countries, i.e. countries where the GDPR does not apply. However, we only allow your data to be processed in a third country if the specific requirements of Art. 44 ff. GDPR are met and thus an adequate level of data protection is guaranteed in that country. This means that the third country must either have an adequacy decision by the European Commission or suitable safeguards in accordance with Art. 46 GDPR or one of the conditions of Art. 49 GDPR. **Unless otherwise stated below, we use the currently valid [standard contractual clauses] (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/HTML/?>**

uri=CELEX:32021D0914&from=DE “current version of the standard contractual clauses”) for the transfer of personal data to processors in third countries.

How do we secure the data?

In order to protect your privacy and ensure a level of protection appropriate to the risk, we take technical and organizational measures in accordance with legal requirements, taking into account the state of the art, implementation costs, and the nature, scope, circumstances, and purposes of processing, as well as the varying likelihood and severity of threats to the rights and freedoms of natural persons. These measures ensure the confidentiality, integrity, availability, and resilience of your data. This includes, among other things, the use of recognized encryption methods (SSL or TLS) and pseudonymization.

However, we would like to point out that, due to the structure of the Internet, it is possible that the rules of data protection and the above-mentioned security measures may not be observed by other persons or institutions outside our area of responsibility. In particular, unencrypted data disclosed, e.g., by email, may be read by third parties. We have no technical influence on this.

When do we delete the data?

We delete or anonymize your personal data as soon as it is no longer required for the purposes for which we collected or used it.

However, we may still need to store your data until the expiry of the retention obligations and periods imposed by the legislator or supervisory authorities, which may arise from the German Commercial Code, the German Fiscal Code, and the German Money Laundering Act (usually 6 to 10 years). In addition, we may retain your data until the expiry of the statutory limitation periods (i.e., usually 3 years, but in individual cases up to 30 years) if this is necessary for the assertion, exercise, or defense of legal claims. After that, the relevant data will be deleted.

What rights do you have?

- Information
- Deletion
- Correction
- Objection

You can contact the data protection officer with your request by mail or by email at swmh-datenschutz@atarax.de.

This privacy policy is updated from time to time. The date of the last update can be found at the beginning of this information.

Privacy Manager

You can obtain an overview of all the tools and cookies we use as well as an option to withdraw your consent by clicking on Privacy settings at the bottom of the website you are visiting.

You will find detailed data protection information below.

How we make our content available to you

Cookies and similar technologies

If cookies, device identifiers, or other personal data are stored or accessed on your device for processing purposes, this is done on one of the legal bases of Art. 6 GDPR.

In order to be able to provide the telemedia service you have expressly requested, we also take into account the provisions of Section 25 of the German Telecommunications Digital Services Data Protection Act (TDDDG), in particular the requirement under Section 25 (2) No. 2 TDDDG.

You can find an overview of the technologies used under Privacy settings.

Types and functions of cookies

Cookies are text files that contain data from visited websites or domains and are stored by a browser on users' devices. A cookie primarily serves to store information about a user during or after their visit to an online offering. The stored information may include, for example, language settings on a website, login status, a shopping cart, or video interactions. The term “cookies” also includes other technologies that perform the same functions as cookies (e.g., when user information is stored using pseudonymous online identifiers, also known as “user IDs”).

There are the following types of cookies and functions:

- **Temporary cookies (also known as session cookies):** Temporary cookies are deleted at the latest after a user leaves an online offering and closes their browser.
- **Permanent cookies:** Permanent cookies remain stored even after the browser is closed. This allows, for example, the login status to be saved or preferred content to be displayed directly when the user visits a website again. Similarly, the interests of users, which are used for reach measurement or marketing purposes, can be stored in such a cookie.
- **First-party cookies:** First-party cookies are set and used by us to process user information.
- **Third-party cookies:** Third-party cookies are mainly used by advertisers (so-called third parties) or other partners to process user information.
- **Strictly necessary (also: essential or necessary) cookies:** These cookies ensure functions without which these digital offerings could not be used as desired. They may be absolutely necessary for the

operation of a website, for example to store logins or other user entries, or for security reasons.

- **Analysis and statistics cookies:** These cookies enable us to analyze the use of our digital offerings, in particular to measure reach—i.e., clicks, visits, and visitor numbers. The aim is to statistically determine the number of visits and visitors and their surfing behavior (duration, origin) and thus obtain market-wide comparable values. The information collected is evaluated in aggregate form in order to derive improvements and optimizations for our products.
- **Marketing and personalization cookies:** Cookies are also used to store a user's interests or behavior (e.g., viewing certain content, using functions, etc.) in a user profile. Such profiles are used, for example, to display content to users that corresponds to their potential interests. This process is also referred to as “tracking,” i.e., tracking the potential interests of users. If we use cookies or tracking technologies, we will provide separate information about this in our privacy policy or when obtaining consent.

Technical provision and security

When our offer is used, we automatically employ essential technologies and process the following information:

- Information about the accessing device and the software used
- Date and time of access
- Websites from which the user accesses our website or which the user visits via our website
- IP address

The collection of these logs and their temporary storage and processing are necessary to ensure system security and integrity (in particular to ward off and defend against attempts at attack or damage) and are carried out in accordance with our legitimate interest (§ 25 (2) No. 2 TDDDG, Art. 6 (1) f GDPR).

The storage period for this log data is usually seven days; for reliable detection of AI bots, it is 30 days. From this point on, this specific server log data is anonymized based on our legitimate interest in statistical evaluation to assess AI bots and their impact on our content (Art. 6 (1) f GDPR).

The legal basis for the aforementioned data processing is our legitimate interest pursuant to Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR.

Essential technology

The following tools and cookies are strictly necessary technologies, i.e., essential for providing our services as requested by the user.

The legal basis for the data processing described below is our legitimate interest pursuant to Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR.

Google Tag Manager

The Google Tag Manager service is an organizational tool that enables us to control services. The tool only uses the IP address to establish a connection to the server and to function technically. Otherwise, no personal data is processed by the tool itself. Tag Manager ensures that other services are only executed if the conditions (tags) specified in Tag Manager are met. This allows us to ensure, for example, that tools requiring consent are only loaded after you have given your consent. Tag Manager does not access the data processed by the tools.

Embeds

We use embeds, i.e., embedded content, to offer you interesting content. The respective embedding is carried out using a technical process known as framing. Framing involves simply inserting a provided HTML link into the code of a website to create a display frame on our pages, enabling the content stored on the servers of the third-party platform to be played.

This third-party content is displayed to you with your consent (Art. 6 (1) (a) GDPR).

Some of this content comes from social networks or other companies, including those in the USA. By integrating their content, cookies and similar technologies may be used by them and data may be transferred to them, including to the USA (e.g., your IP address, browser information, cookie ID, pixel ID, page accessed, date and time of access). Details on the integrated

content of the individual networks or these companies, which is stored on their servers and for the provision of which your IP address is transmitted to these companies, as well as on the data processing carried out by these companies, which may also include advertising purposes, can be found in the following lines.

- **YouTube** (Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland). Further information on data protection can be found [here](#).

How we optimize our products

Further development of user-friendliness

We use cookies and tracking tools to optimize our digital offerings based on your usage. To do this, we measure the development of reach and the use of content and functions, and use A/B testing to determine which variants users prefer.

Usage analysis

We want to continuously develop and improve our products. To do this, we need to analyze usage. This serves to evaluate visitor traffic to our digital offerings and may include behavior, interests, or demographic information about visitors, such as age or gender, as pseudonymous values. With its help, we can see, for example, when our digital offerings are used most frequently or which functions are popular. This enables us to identify areas that need optimization.

In addition to usage analysis, we also use testing procedures to test different versions of our digital offerings or their components, for example, and to increase certain user actions or reactions if necessary.

For these purposes, profiles, i.e., data summarized for a usage process, are

created and information is stored in a browser or on a terminal device and read from it. The information collected includes, in particular, websites visited and elements used there, as well as technical information such as the browser used, the computer system used, and information on usage times.

The IP addresses of users are also stored. We use an IP masking procedure (i.e., pseudonymization by shortening the IP address) for your protection. In general, no clear data of users (such as email addresses or names) is stored in the context of web analysis, A/B testing, and optimization, but rather pseudonyms, so that neither we nor the providers of the software used, who act as processors for us, know the actual identity of the users.

Google Analytics

Google Analytics

We use Google Analytics (Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland) to measure and analyze the use of our online offering on the basis of a pseudonymous user identification number. This identification number does not contain any unique data such as names or email addresses. It serves to assign analytics information to a device in order to determine which content users have accessed within one or more usage processes, which search terms they have used, whether they have accessed this content again, or how they have interacted with our online offering. The time and duration of use are also stored, as well as the sources of users who refer to our online offering and technical aspects of their end devices and browsers. In the process, pseudonymous profiles of users are created with information from the use of different devices, and cookies may be used.

Google Analytics does not log or store individual IP addresses for EU users. However, Analytics provides approximate geographic location data by deriving the following metadata from IP addresses: city (and the derived latitude and longitude of the city), continent, country, region, subcontinent (and ID-based counterparts). For EU traffic, IP address data is used exclusively for this derivation of geolocation data before it is immediately deleted. It is not logged, is not accessible, and is not used for any further purposes. When Google Analytics collects measurement data, all IP queries are carried out on EU-based servers before the traffic is forwarded to Analytics servers for processing. The retention period for the data is 14 months (this concerns data at user and event level). Aggregated data is

anonymized and is not deleted.

Google is our processor, with whom we have concluded the agreements required for this purpose. We have also taken measures to ensure appropriate and adequate safeguards for the protection of personal data in the context of transfers to third countries by concluding EU standard contractual clauses and, where necessary, implementing additional measures to protect the rights of data subjects.

The legal basis for data processing is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR.

Participate in surveys

To find out how satisfied you are with our products, you can participate in our surveys. For each survey, you decide individually whether you want to participate and what information you want to give us.

To enable participants to interrupt a survey embedded in the website and continue it with the same browser, a session cookie is created when the survey participation starts. This also prevents the same survey from being displayed to you multiple times.

You can delete this cookie at any time in your browser's privacy settings. However, this will remove the option to continue a partially completed survey from the point where you left off and the protection against the survey being displayed again.

If personal data is collected in a survey, it will be deleted at the latest at the end of the year in which the survey and its evaluation were completed.

The legal basis for data processing is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR.

- Campanero, a division of DRID Kommunikation und Design GmbH, Arnoldstraße 16, 22765 Hamburg. All data is stored on DRID's servers hosted by Host Europa; you can find information about their privacy policy [here](#).

When you contact us

Contacting us

When you contact us, we only collect personal data (e.g. name, e-mail address, telephone number) if you provide it to us voluntarily. This information is expressly provided on a voluntary basis. The purpose of processing your data is to process and respond to your enquiry. This is also our legitimate interest in data processing in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR.

In the case of a telephone enquiry, your data will also be processed by telephone applications and in some cases also via a voice dialogue system in order to support us in the distribution and processing of enquiries.

We will delete your data that we have received in the course of contacting you as soon as your request has been fully processed and no further communication with you is required or requested by you.

When you request quotes

Ordering products

If you order one of our offers or products, we need your address, contact and communication data as well as your bank and, if applicable, credit card data when the contract is concluded.

The processing of this data is necessary for the initiation or fulfilment of the contract (Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. b GDPR).

After termination of the contract, we delete your data or block it, unless we are legally obliged to retain this data. The deletion usually takes place after ten years at the latest.

Payment

In order to offer you various payment functions, we use software from service providers who support us in processing the payment transaction. The software also manages transactions and controls access control, billing, the checkout process, invoice dispatch, and payment transactions. It also supports our user, product, and price management. In doing so, we process your personal master data (e.g., name, address data), your communication data (e.g., email), order data, contract billing and payment data, and our planning and control data.

The legal basis for this is the fulfillment of the contract (Art. 6 (1) (b) GDPR) and our legitimate interest in proper and functioning payment processing (Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR).

Payment processing - Plenigo

If you choose a payment method offered by the payment service provider Frisbii, payment processing will be handled by Frisbii Germany GmbH (Mainzer Landstraße 51, 60329 Frankfurt am Main), to whom we will forward the information you provided during the ordering process along with information about your order (name, address, country/region, IBAN, BIC, account number, bank code, credit card number, invoice amount, currency, tax rate, transaction number, product name and description, device ID, order ID, customer ID, invoice ID, email address, IP address) in accordance with Art. 6 (1) (b) GDPR.

Payment processing Payone

We transfer your data (name, address, and, if applicable, date of birth) to infoscore Consumer Data GmbH ("ICD"), Rheinstr. 99, 76532 Baden-Baden, Germany, for the purpose of credit assessment, obtaining information for assessing the risk of payment default based on mathematical-statistical methods using address data, and verifying your address (deliverability check). 76532 Baden-Baden.

The legal basis for these transfers is Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR, because only by transferring and checking the data can we assess whether payment obligations can be met, enabling us to carry out the contractual activities in a secure manner. Transfers based on these provisions may only be made if this is necessary to safeguard the legitimate interests of our company or third parties and does not outweigh the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject requiring the protection of personal data.

Detailed information on ICD within the meaning of Art. 14 GDPR, i.e. information on the business purpose, the purposes of data storage, the data recipients, the right to self-disclosure, the right to erasure or rectification, etc., can be found at [this link](<https://finance.arvato.com/icdinfoblatt> "Data protection BS Payone").

Payment processing PayPal

At your request, you can use the services of PayPal (PayPal (Europe) S.à r.l. et Cie, S.C.A., 22-24 Boulevard Royal, L-2449 Luxembourg) for payment. For this purpose, we pass on your payment data (total amount of the order, reference on the PayPal account) to PayPal on the basis of Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. b) GDPR. The processing of data for payment with PayPal is necessary for the fulfilment of the contract.

PayPal collects information about the transaction as well as other information associated with the transaction, such as the amount sent or requested, the amount paid for products or services, information about the merchant, including information about the means of payment used to carry out the transaction, device information, technical usage data and location data. In the case of a PayPal payment, we may see your data in our PayPal account.

With PayPal Express Checkout, you do not have to re-enter order information or credit card or address details, as these are transferred directly by PayPal.

PayPal reserves the right to carry out an identity and credit check via credit agencies under certain circumstances. Further information on PayPal's data protection can be found [here](#).

Credit assessment

Profiling, i.e. automated data processing with the aim of evaluating certain personal aspects, only takes place to check creditworthiness in the course of digital subscription orders in connection with a terminal device.

Prior to transactions with an economic risk, we would like to be able to assess as well as possible whether the payment obligations entered into can be met. This constitutes our legitimate interest in the processing of your data, so that the legal basis is Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR.

By providing information and using so-called probability values, CRIF GmbH supports us in making decisions and helps us to process everyday (goods) credit transactions quickly.

This involves making a forecast of future events based on collected information and past experience. CRIF GmbH calculates the probability values primarily on the basis of the information stored by CRIF GmbH about a data subject, which is also shown in the information pursuant to Art. 15 GDPR. Address data is also used. Based on the entries stored for a person and the other data, an assignment is made to statistical groups of persons who have shown similar payment behaviour in the past. The method used is known as "logistic regression" and is a well-founded mathematical-statistical method for predicting risk probabilities that has been tried and tested in practice for many years.

The following data is used by CRIF GmbH to calculate the score, although not every type of data is included in every individual score calculation: Date of birth, gender, shopping basket value, address data and length of residence, previous payment defaults, public negative features such as non-disclosure of assets, creditor satisfaction excluded, creditor satisfaction not proven, debt collection proceedings and debt collection monitoring proceedings. CRIF GmbH itself does not make any decisions, it merely provides us with information to help us make decisions. The risk assessment and evaluation of creditworthiness is carried out solely by us, as only we have a wealth of additional information at our disposal.

You can request information about your personal data stored by CRIF at any time: CRIF GmbH, Victor-Gollancz-Str. 5, 76137 Karlsruhe and [here](#) for further information on data protection.

Events

For events, we process your name, contact and address data required for the purpose of organising the events. The legal basis for this is Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 b) GDPR. Without processing the personal data, we would not be able to organise the events or offer this service to the participants. The data will not be used for advertising purposes and will only be passed on to third parties if a co-organiser or event service provider is permitted to receive this data or if an increased level of security is required (e.g. forwarding to the police, BKA).

As soon as the purpose for collecting the data and statutory retention obligations have been fulfilled, the data will be deleted.

When we advertise our products

Direct marketing

We also use your contact data beyond contract-related use for advertising purposes. This is only done if you have expressly consented (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR) or on the basis of our legitimate interest in a personalised customer approach or direct advertising (Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f) GDPR), for example for information about the same and similar products of our company (Section 7 para. 3 UWG).

If you no longer wish to receive advertising, you can withdraw your consent or object to advertising at any time.

The data processed by us will be deleted as soon as they are no longer required for their intended purpose, you have objected to the advertising and the deletion does not conflict with any statutory retention requirements.

- per Mail datenschutz@freies-wort.de,
datenschutz@stz-online.de oder
datenschutz@meininger-tageblatt.de

- schriftlich an die Suhler Verlagsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG,
Schützenstraße 2,
98527 Suhl oder an aboservice@freies-wort.de, (bitte Mailadresse und
den Namen von der Registrierung angeben)
- oder telefonisch über
Freies Wort: 03681 / 887 99 96
Südthüringer Zeitung: 03695 / 670 99 97
Meininger Tageblatt: 03693 / 44 03 0
- durch einen Klick auf den Abmelde-Link am Ende der Mail

Marketing for own products

In order to show you adverts for our own products, we use the services of advertising partners or cooperate with advertising partners and advertising networks (remarketing). These use cookies, pixels or similar technical means to display and analyse advertisements.

Adverts can be adapted to the respective user, for example by using information from the browser on usage (such as pages visited, visiting times, length of stay). User-specific adverts are also possible. In addition, analyses of reach or for billing purposes can be carried out in pseudonymised form. The details of the services used, co-operation partners and individual objection options are presented below.

The legal basis for data processing is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR.

You can obtain an overview of all the tools and cookies we use as well as a cancellation option by clicking on Data protection settings.

Google Ads advertising and remarketing

To draw attention to our offers, we place adverts in the Google search network and advertising banners in the Google display network (banners on third-party websites) and use the conversion measurement and remarketing of Google Ads and Analytics. We can combine adverts with search terms or use individual adverts to advertise products and services that you have viewed on our site. With Ads remarketing lists, we can optimise search and display campaigns if you have already visited our site. With conversion

measurement, we see the success of interest-based advertising in the Google search network and advertising banners in the Google display network (banners on third-party websites) based on the analysis of user behaviour for more targeted advertising.

For this interest-based advertising, Google analyses your user behaviour with cookies that are set when you click on ads or visit our websites. We and Google then receive information that you have clicked on an advert and have been forwarded to us. Based on these evaluations, we can recognise which of the advertising measures used are particularly effective and can optimise them as a result.

The statistics that Google provides us with include the number of users who have clicked on one of our adverts and show which of our websites you have been redirected to. We can also target you more specifically if you have already visited our website. We can also track which search terms were clicked on particularly often and which adverts lead to the purchase of a subscription, for example.

Due to the marketing tools used, your browser automatically establishes a direct connection with the Google server. We have no influence on the scope and further use of the data collected by Google through the use of this tool and therefore inform you according to our level of knowledge: Through the integration of Ads Advertising, Google receives the information that you have called up the corresponding part of our website or clicked on an advert from us. If you are registered with a Google service, Google can assign the visit to your account. Even if you are not registered with Google or have not logged in, it is possible that the provider will find out your IP address and store it.

You can also find more information on this in the notes on website statistics and in the data protection provisions of Google.

You can prevent this technology by disabling the use of cookies via your browser settings, deselecting individual types of ads in Google's ad settings, disabling interest-based ads on Google or disabling cookies from advertising providers with the help of the respective deactivation help of the network advertising initiative. We and Google will then only receive statistical information on how many users have visited a page and when. This can only be prevented by appropriate browser extensions.

Conversion measurement

To find out whether and how effective our adverts are for our own products, we use conversion measurement by embedding a conversion tracking tag or code snippet in our digital products. When you view our adverts, a temporary cookie is stored on your computer or mobile device. As soon as you complete an action, our system recognises the cookie and we record a conversion.

The legal basis for data processing is your consent in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR.

Newsletter

You receive newsletters from us only if you have explicitly subscribed to them by providing your name and email address. The email address provided is verified by means of a confirmation email (“double opt-in procedure”). We process these personal data on the basis of your consent pursuant to Article 6 (1) (a) GDPR.

If you have given your consent, we analyse your clicks in newsletters using so-called tracking pixels, i.e. invisible image files. These are assigned to your email address and linked to a unique ID in order to clearly attribute clicks in the newsletter to you. The usage profile is intended to help tailor the newsletter offering to your interests. We record when you read newsletters and which links you click, and we use this to infer an interest profile.

You can unsubscribe from any newsletter at any time and withdraw your consent to its dispatch and analysis – however, you will then no longer receive the newsletter. For this purpose, an appropriate link is included in every newsletter.

Your data are deleted after you unsubscribe from the newsletter at the end of the year in which you cancelled your subscription.

Newsletter - Data processing in detail

Data	Purpose of processing	Legal basis for processing	Storage period
E-mail address	Sending the newsletter	Consent	until cancellation
IP address for opt-in	Proof of double opt-in	Consent	until cancellation
Time of DOI verification	Proof of double opt-in In	Consent	until revocation
Salutation*	Direct address	Consent	until revocation
First name*	Direct address	Consent	until revocation
Last name*	Direct address	Consent	until revocation
Usage data	Further development and improvement of the service	Consent	until revocation
End devices	Correct delivery of the newsletter	Consent	until revocation

*Voluntary information

Competitions

Für die Teilnahme an Gewinnspielen ist es mitunter erforderlich, dass Sie sich

- registrieren,
- die Teilnahmebedingungen akzeptieren und
- den Datenschutz-Hinweis lesen.

Bei der Auslobung von (Sach-)Preisen werden insbesondere nach Ende des Gewinnspiels von den Gewinnern weitere persönliche Daten benötigt, wie etwa die Anschrift, um diese im Falle des Gewinns benachrichtigen und den Gewinn übermitteln zu können.

Die Erfassung und Verarbeitung der personenbezogenen Daten dient zur Durchführung des jeweiligen Gewinnspiels und der Quizze sowie gegebenenfalls zur Zusendung von Gewinnen. Die Daten werden mit Ihrer Einwilligung verarbeitet (Art. 6 Abs. 1 S.1 lit. a) DSGVO), bei Gewinnspielen nach Art. 6 Abs. 1 S.1 lit. b) DSGVO. Sämtliche Daten werden für den Zweck und für die Dauer des Gewinnspiels gespeichert und nach Ablauf der Aktion gelöscht, sofern keine gesetzlichen Aufbewahrungspflichten bestehen. Der Benutzername, der in den Highscores/Bestenlisten veröffentlicht wird, wird nur auf Widerruf gelöscht.

Ihre Daten werden gegebenenfalls an unsere Gewinnspiel-Dienstleister und Sponsoren im Rahmen der Teilnahmebedingungen weitergegeben, denen Sie zugestimmt haben, und gelöscht, sofern diese nicht mehr erforderlich sind.

Weitere Einzelheiten im Zusammenhang mit dem jeweiligen Gewinnspiel entnehmen Sie bitte den Teilnahmebedingungen.

Sie haben das Recht, erteilte Einwilligungen gemäß Art. 7 Abs. 3 DSGVO mit Wirkung für die Zukunft zu widerrufen unter leserservice@verlagsgruppe-hcs.de.

Company presence in the social media

We maintain a presence on social media. Insofar as we have control over the processing of your data, we ensure that the applicable data protection regulations are complied with. Below you will find the most important information on data protection law in relation to our company websites.

In addition to us, we are responsible for the company websites within the meaning of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other data protection regulations:

- **Meta Platforms** (Meta Platforms Ireland Limited, 4 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland); further information on data protection can be found [here](#).
- **Instagram** (Meta Platforms Ireland Limited, 4 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland); weitere Informationen zum Datenschutz finden Sie [hier](#).

- **X** (Twitter International Unlimited Company, One Cumberland Place, Fenian Street, Dublin 2, D02 AX07, Ireland); further information on data protection can be found [here](#).
- **TikTok** (TikTok Technology Ltd., 10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin D02 T380, Ireland); further information on data protection can be found [here](#).

We process the data for statistical purposes in order to further develop and optimise the content and to make our offer more attractive. This data includes the total number of page views, page activities and data and interactions provided by visitors. This data is processed and made available by the social networks. We have no influence on the generation and presentation of this data.

Your personal data is also processed for market research and advertising purposes. For example, it is possible that user profiles are created based on your usage behaviour and the resulting interests. This allows, among other things, adverts to be placed within and outside the platforms that presumably correspond to your interests. Cookies are usually stored on your computer for this purpose. Irrespective of this, data that is not collected directly from your end devices may also be stored in your user profiles. Data is also stored and analysed across devices; this applies in particular, but not exclusively, if you are registered as a member and logged in to the respective platforms.

We do not collect or process any other personal data.

The processing of your personal data by us is based on our legitimate interests in effective information and communication pursuant to Article 6 (1) sentence 1 (f) GDPR.

If you are asked to give your consent to data processing, i.e. if you declare your agreement by confirming a button or similar (opt-in), the legal basis for the processing is Article 6 (1) sentence 1 (a) and Article 7 GDPR.

If you are a member of a social network and do not want the network to collect data about you via our presence and link it to your stored member data with the respective network, you must

- log out of the respective network before visiting our fan page,
- delete the cookies stored on your device, and
- close and restart your browser.

After you log in again, however, you will once more be recognisable to the network as a specific user.

In total, you have the following rights in relation to the processing of your personal data:

right of access; right to rectification; right to erasure; right to restriction of processing; right to object; right to data portability; right to lodge a complaint with the competent data protection authority about unlawful processing of your personal data.

As we do not have full access to your personal data, you should contact the providers of the social media platforms directly in order to exercise your data subject rights, since they each have access to the personal data of their users and can take appropriate measures and provide information.

If you nevertheless require assistance, we will of course do our best to support you. You can find our contact details [here](#).

For a detailed description of the respective processing activities and the options for withdrawing consent, we refer you to the information linked below.

- **Meta-Plattformen** [Optout](#)
- **X** [Optout](#)
- **TikTok** [Optout](#)

What else you should know

Controller

Verantwortlicher im Sinne der DSGVO ist die

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Kontakt für Ihre Datenschutzanfrage

Hier können Sie Ihre Fragen zum Datenschutz stellen.

datenschutz@freies-wort.de

Your rights

- In accordance with Art. 15 GDPR, you have the right to request **information** about your personal data processed by us. In this context, you also have the right to receive a copy of your personal data processed by us in accordance with Art. 15 para. 3-4 GDPR.
- In accordance with Art. 16 GDPR, you can immediately request the **correction** of incorrect or the completion of your personal data stored by us.
- In accordance with Art. 17 GDPR, you can request the erasure of your personal data stored by us.
- In accordance with Art. 18 GDPR, you can request the **restriction of the processing** of your personal data.
- In accordance with Art. 20 GDPR, you can request to receive your personal data that you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and you can request the **transfer** to another controller.
- In accordance with Art. 7 para. 3 GDPR, you can **revoke** your consent once given to us at any time. This means that the processing carried

out on the basis of the consent prior to the revocation was lawful and has the consequence that we may no longer continue the data processing based on this consent in the future.

Right to object

If your personal data is processed on the basis of legitimate interests in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR or Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. e) GDPR, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in accordance with Art. 21 GDPR. In the event of such an objection, we will no longer process your personal data unless we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

In the case of direct marketing, you have the right to object at any time to the processing of personal data concerning you. If you object to processing for direct marketing purposes, the personal data will no longer be processed for these purposes.

Right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a data protection supervisory authority against the processing of your personal data if you feel that your rights under the GDPR have been violated. As a rule, you can contact the supervisory authority of your usual place of residence, your workplace or our company headquarters.

Joint controllers

We are joint controllers in the following cases.

Joint controlling with Meta Platforms

When you visit our Meta Platforms fan page, we are jointly responsible with Meta Platforms for the processing of your personal data. Below we inform you about the associated data processing on our fan page, which does not affect Meta Platforms' terms of use:

Contact details of the controllers and joint controllership pursuant to Art. 26 GDPR

Joint controllers:

the entity responsible for this website (see the information about us mentioned at the beginning)

and

Meta Platforms Ireland Limited, 4 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, D2 Dublin, Ireland

According to the European Court of Justice (ECJ), we are jointly responsible with Meta Platforms for the processing of your personal data.

Appearance on the Meta Platforms fan page

Scope of data collection and storage

Data	Purpose	Legal basis
User interactions (posts, likes, etc.)	User communication via social media	Art. 6 para. 1 a GDPR
Meta Platforms cookies	Target group advertising	Art. 6 para. 1 a GDPR
Demographic data (based on age, place of residence, language or gender information)	Target group advertising	Art. 6 para. 1 a GDPR
Statistical data on user interactions in aggregated form, i.e. without personal reference (e.g. page activities, page views, page previews, likes, recommendations, posts, videos, page subscriptions incl. origin, time of day)	Target group advertising	Art. 6 para. 1 a GDPR

The promotional use of your personal data is particularly important for Meta Platforms. We use the statistics function to find out more about the visitors to our fan page. Using this function enables us to customise our content to the respective target group. In this way, we also utilise demographic information on the age and origin of users, for example,

although we are unable to make any personal reference here. In order to provide the social media service in the form of our Meta Platforms fan page and to use the Insight function, Meta Platforms generally stores cookies on the user's end device. These include session cookies, which are deleted when the browser is closed, and persistent cookies, which remain on the end device until they expire or are deleted by the user. As a user, you can use your browser settings to decide for yourself whether and which cookies you wish to allow, block or delete. You can find instructions for your browser here: Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, Google Chrome mobile, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Safari mobile (links). Alternatively, you can also install so-called ad blockers, such as Ghostery.

According to Meta Platforms, the cookies used by Meta Platforms are used for authentication, security, website and product integrity, advertising and measurement, website functions and services, performance, analysis and research. Details of the cookies used by Meta Platforms (e.g. names of cookies, duration of function, content collected and purpose) can be viewed [here](#) by following the links provided there. There you will also find the option of deactivating the cookies used by Meta Platforms. You can also change the settings for your advertising preferences there.

You can also object to the collection and storage of data through the use of the above-mentioned cookies by Meta Platforms at any time with effect for the future via [this opt-out link](#).

You can use the aforementioned link to manage your preferences regarding usage-based online advertising. If you object to usage-based online advertising with a specific provider using the preference manager, this only applies to the specific business data collection via the web browser you are currently using. Preference management is cookie-based. If you delete all browser cookies, the preferences you have set with the preference manager will also be removed.

Note on Meta Platforms Insights

We use the Meta Platforms Insights function for statistical analysis purposes. In this context, we receive anonymised data on the users of our Meta Platforms fan page. However, we use the filters provided by Facebook Meta Platformstool to specify the categories of data according to which Meta Platforms provides anonymised statistics. Meta Platforms provides us with the following criteria or categories for analysing the activities of the website

in anonymised form, provided that the corresponding information has been provided by the user or is collected by Meta Platforms:

- Age range
- Gender
- Place of residence (city and country)
- language
- Mobile or stationary page views (YouTube additionally individual device types)
- Interactions in the context of posts (e.g. reactions, comments, shares, clicks, views, video usage time)
- Time of use

This anonymised data is used to analyse user behaviour for statistical purposes so that we can better tailor our offers to the needs and interests of our audience.

We see our legitimate interest (Art. 6 para. 1 f GDPR) for data processing in the presentation of our company and our products and services for your information.

Disclosure and use of personal data

If you interact with Meta Platforms, Meta Platforms will of course also have access to your data.

Joint controlling with YouTube

We use the technical platform and services of YouTube, a Google company, with its principal place of business at Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland. This means that if you are habitually resident in the European Economic Area or Switzerland, unless otherwise specified in any additional terms, you will be provided with the services of Google Ireland Limited ("Google"), a company incorporated and operated under the laws of Ireland.

In accordance with the [Google Privacy Policy](#), we assume that personal data, including its processing, will also be transferred to servers of Google LLC in the USA.

In its judgement in case C-210/16, the CJEU ruled that platform operators (in this case YouTube) and the operator of a channel located on the platform are jointly responsible for the data processing carried out via the respective

channel. In this respect, platform operators and channel operators are to be regarded as joint controllers pursuant to Art. 26 GDPR.

Data processed by us

Your personal data is processed for the purpose of market observation and user communication, in particular by initiating and obtaining user feedback. We process the following access data for the aforementioned purposes:

Access source, region, age, gender, subscription status regarding YouTube channel, subscription source, playlist, device type, YouTube product, live/on demand, playback location, operating system, subtitles, language for video information, translations used, element type, info card type, info card, where was shared.

The above data processing can be legitimised in accordance with Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR and our "legitimate interest". We have pointed out the right to object in accordance with Art. 21 GDPR (see below). Our legitimate interest lies in playing video content on YouTube with the widest possible reach. With the help of the data collected, the topics, design, length and playback time of the videos can be better tailored to user behaviour.

If you contact us directly as a YouTube user, for example via enquiries, comments and feedback, this contact and the communication of your details is expressly on a voluntary basis and with your consent (Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. a) GDPR). We may forward your comments or reply to them or write comments that refer to your account. The data you freely publish and disseminate on our YouTube channel is thus included by us in our offering and made accessible to our followers and other users. In addition, we process the data that you voluntarily provide to us as part of a personal message, if necessary for the purpose of replying to the message.

Data processed by YouTube

Information about what data is processed by YouTube and for what purposes this data is used can be found in the [YouTube Privacy Policy](#). By using YouTube, your personal data will be collected, transferred, stored, disclosed and used by YouTube and transferred to, stored and used in the United States and any other country in which YouTube does business, regardless of your place of residence.

On the one hand, YouTube processes your voluntarily entered personal data such as your name and user name, email address, telephone number or the

contacts in your address book when you upload or synchronise it. On the other hand, YouTube also analyses the content you share to determine which topics you are interested in, stores and processes confidential messages that you send directly to other users and can determine your location using GPS data, information on wireless networks or your IP address in order to send you advertising or other content. YouTube may use analysis tools such as Google Analytics for evaluation purposes. If tools of this type are used by YouTube for our channel, this is not done on our behalf. The data obtained during the analysis is also not made available to us. We can only view the information on access activities listed under point 1. This so-called "log data" can be the IP address, the browser type, the operating system, information about the previously accessed website and the pages you have accessed, your location, your mobile phone provider, the end device you are using (including device ID and application ID), the search terms you have used and cookie information.

You have the option of restricting the processing of your data in the settings of your YouTube account as well as information on these options at <https://support.google.com/accounts?hl=de#topic=3382296>. In addition, you can restrict YouTube's access to contact and calendar data, photos, location data, etc. on mobile devices (smartphones, tablet computers) in the settings options there. However, this depends on the operating system used.

You also have the option of requesting information via the YouTube privacy policy or the YouTube terms of use or via YouTube's community guidelines and security at:

<https://www.youtube.de/t/privacy>

<https://www.youtube.com/t/terms>

https://www.youtube.de/t/community_guidelines

Further information on YouTube's data protection can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/?gl=DE&hl=de>

Privacy policy for applicants

Here you will find information about the processing of your personal data if you have applied to our company.

Data protection information in the GTC

With this privacy policy, we fulfil the information obligations under the GDPR. Our General Terms and Conditions also contain data protection information. These explain in detail how your personal data, which we require to fulfil contracts and for the purpose of identity and credit checks, is processed.

Links to other websites

We link to websites of other providers or have integrated elements from them into our website. This data protection information does not apply to them - we have no influence on these sites and cannot check that others comply with the applicable data protection regulations.

Changes to the privacy policy

We reserve the right to change or adapt this privacy policy at any time in compliance with the applicable data protection regulations.