Privacy Policy

In connection with the Digital Summit, the Bundesministerium für Digitales und Staatsmodernisierung (BMDS – German Federal Ministry for Digital Affairs and State Modernisation) processes personal data in accordance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG – German Federal Data Protection Act) and any applicable special statutory provisions. To inform you about data processing and your rights, and to comply with our obligation to provide information (Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR), we provide the following information regarding the processing of personal data when you use our website or contact us (by email, telephone, or post).

1. Basics

1.1. Controller and data protection officer

The controller responsible for the processing of personal data pursuant to Article 4, point (7) of the GDPR is:

Bundesministerium für Digitales und Staatsmodernisierung (BMDS)
Friedrichstrasse 108
10117 Berlin
Germany

You can contact the data protection officer of the BMDS at:

Datenschutzbeauftragter des BMDS
Friedrichstrasse 108
10117 Berlin
Germany
Email: bds@bmds.bund.de

1.2. Personal data

Personal data is 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, an identification number, location data, or an online identifier (Article 4, point (1) of the GDPR).

1.3. Legal bases for processing

We process your personal data on the basis of

- Article 6, paragraph 1, point (a), of the GDPR, insofar as you have consented to the processing,
- Article 6, paragraph 1, point (b), of the GDPR, insofar as processing is necessary for the performance of a contract or for pre-contractual measures,
- Article 6, paragraph 1, point (c), of the GDPR, insofar as processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject,
- Article 6, paragraph 1, point (e), of the GDPR in conjunction with Section 3 of the BDSG, insofar as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority (e.g. answering contact requests).

2. Data processing in connection with registration and accreditation

The collection of personal data is necessary for registration and accreditation for the Digital Summit. The mandatory information consists of: first name and surname, date/place of birth, email address, organisation, function and conference-related details. Providing additional personal data is optional. No special categories of personal data such as information regarding racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health, sex life, sexual orientation, or genetic or biometric data are collected.

Processing of your data by third parties:
For the purpose of event planning (number of participants, scheduling, participation confirmations, participant management), the BMDS and POOLgroup GmbH will have access to your personal data.

The event will take place on 2-3 November 2026.

The information is used for participant management and will be stored on a secure server within a certified data vault in Germany until six weeks after the event (15 December 2026).

After the above-mentioned date has passed, this personal data will be deleted.

3. Processing of personal data in the context of making contact

When you contact us, the data you provide (your name, your email address, and, where applicable, your address, telephone number and fax number) as well as the information contained in your communication (including any personal data) are processed for the purpose of establishing contact and handling your inquiry; it is stored in accordance with the retention periods specified in the registry guidelines, which supplement the Gemeinsame Geschäftsordnung der Bundesministerien (GGO – German Joint Rules of Procedure of the Federal Ministries (GGO). As a general rule, the retention periods are 10 years, or up to 30 years in exceptional cases.

If we are not responsible for your inquiry, it may be forwarded to other state or federal authorities without your consent while ensuring data protection provided it can be assumed that forwarding it for the purpose of a response is in your interest and no sensitive personal data are involved (Article 6, paragraph 1, point (e), of the GDPR in conjunction with Section 3 of the BDSG; Section 25, paragraph 1 conjunction with Section 23, paragraph 1, point (1), of the BDSG).

4. Your rights

4.1. You have the following rights vis-à-vis us regarding the personal data concerning you:

- Right of access, Article 15 of the GDPR
- Right to rectification, Article 16 of the GDPR
- Right to erasure (“right to be forgotten”), Article 17 of the GDPR
- Right to restriction of processing, Article 18 of the GDPR
- Right to data portability, Article 20 of the GDPR
- Right to object to processing, Article 21 of the GDPR

4.2. Right of withdrawal

Where the processing of your personal data is based on your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time without giving a reason. The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal (Article, 7, paragraph 3, of the GDPR).

4.3. Complaint

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a data protection supervisory authority regarding our processing of your personal data (Article 77 of the GDPR).

The responsible supervisory authority is:

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Graurheindorfer Strasse 131
53117 Bonn
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