# Data protection information for events

This data protection information will inform you about the processing of your personal data that we collect from you in connection with your participation in the event 5th Workshop Alternatives to Animal Testing, taking place in Hannover (DE), on January 28, 2027 (hereinafter: event). Your personal data will be processed in compliance with the applicable data protection regulations.

Personal data, as defined by Article 4 (1) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), include all information related to an identified or identifiable natural person.

## 1. Name and contact information of the controller and corporate data protection officer

Controller within the meaning of Art. 4 (7) GDPR is:

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The corporate data protection officer at Fraunhofer can be reached at the above-mentioned address in Munich, c/o Data Protection Officer or at datenschutz@zv.fraunhofer.de.

Please feel free to contact the data protection officer directly at any time with your questions concerning your data protection rights and/or your rights as data subject.

## 2. Personal data processing and purposes of data processing

### a) Event registration

When you register for this event, we will collect the following mandatory data:

- Salutation, name, first name
- Address
- Affiliation
- Payment information, depending on the selected method of payment (e.g. credit cards, bank account information)
- E-mail address
- Registration category (e.g. students)

The purpose of processing the mandatory data is to identify you as event participant, to check the provided data for plausibility, to reserve a spot for your participation and to establish a contractual relationship with you.

The provision of the personal data marked as mandatory fields in the registration form is required for the conclusion and performance of the participation agreement. Without such data, registration for and participation in the event is not possible.

The information marked as voluntary may be omitted without any impact on your participation in the event; it merely assists us in planning and conducting the event in a manner tailored to participants' interests.

We also require your data in order to prepare name badges and lists of participants for other participants, as applicable, and to supply you with event information before, during, and after the event. This is done to ensure optimal participation for you and to allow us to plan the event and ensure that it goes smoothly.

We need your payment information to process the participation fee.

If you register in the "students" category, we check your proof of student status to confirm eligibility for the reduced registration fee. We do not make copies of your proof of student status or require you to submit a copy before the event. If you cannot present your proof at the event, we will request a copy afterward. Requested copies will be deleted without undue delay after verification; unsolicited copies will be deleted without undue delay after receipt.

Further information, e.g. academic title, department, reg code or EU VAT number can be provided voluntarily. Voluntary data allow us to plan and conduct the event in accordance with participants' interests.

We process data at your request and for the purposes described by Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR to fulfill the obligations of the participation agreement and to execute precontractual provisions.

We will use your e-mail address to inform you about similar events organized by us in the future only if you have expressly consented to this use of your e-mail address or if we have informed you thereof separately when collecting your e-mail address and have pointed out your right to object to this use at any time. To the extent that this use is not based on consent, the processing takes place on the basis of Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR. We have a legitimate interest in notifying our participants of other events also organized by us.

In the case of events for which a fee is charged, the personal data we collect for the event will, in principle, be stored until the end of the standard limitation period of three years after the end of the year in which the event was held, and the data will be erased after that. Storage beyond the respective period stated will take place only if and to the extent that:

- we are obligated to store the data for a longer period pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR based on statutory obligations of storage and documentation (especially Sec. 147 of the German Fiscal Code (AO)). In this case, the data will be stored only to the extent required by the retention obligation.
- you have consented to storage beyond that pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR.
- we use your e-mail address, subject to the requirements set out in Sec. 7 (3) of the German Act Against Unfair Competition (UWG), to inform you of future events by e-mail. In this case, we will store your e-mail address and your first and last names until you object to processing for this purpose.

To accept event registrations from our online visitors, we have commissioned the service provider Fienta Ticketing OÜ, Hobujaama 4, Tallinn 10151, Estonia ("Fienta"), who operates the Fienta ticketing platform. The purpose of working with the service provider is the professional management of online registrations. This service requires storing the collected data on the servers of Fienta in the EU. Please also refer to the data protection information of Fienta Ticketing OÜ (accessible at https://fienta.com/help/privacy) that explains which data are already collected and processed as soon as you visit the event website at Fienta.

Moreover, as a research institution, we are subject to various requirements pursuant to foreign trade regulations (among them Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001). In order to properly comply with these statutory requirements, we use your first and last names along with your address and date of birth in order, among other things, to carry out sanction list screening. The processing is done pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR. We have a legitimate interest in processing these data in this respect since otherwise, as the controller, we may be threatened with legal consequences.

### b) Subscribing to the newsletter in the context of the event

In the context of the event, you have the option to register to receive our regular newsletter. You can do this either online when registering for the event or directly at the event itself by entering your e-mail address in a form intended for this purpose.

Once you have subscribed, you will receive a registration notification by e-mail, which you need to confirm to receive the newsletter (double opt-in process). Your e-mail response serves as confirmation that you are, in fact, the person who initiated the subscription.

We will send you the newsletter exclusively if you have given your express consent pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR.

You may unsubscribe at any time, e.g. via a link at the end of each newsletter. Alternatively, you may also unsubscribe by e-mail via kommunikation@item.fraunhofer.de.

Your e-mail address will be erased without delay after you withdraw your consent to receive the newsletter, unless you have consented to storage beyond that pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR or unless such storage is necessary, pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR, for the performance of the contract.

### c) Photos and videos

Photos and videos will be taken to document the event in pictures. Since you may be identified in these images, either directly or indirectly, they represent personal data.

The images will be used for news reporting directly associated with the event as well as for internal reporting at Fraunhofer.

Furthermore, the images will be published for the purpose of post-event reporting on our media platforms such as LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, in our publications, such as our newsletter or on our website. Such processing is required in particular to document and promote our event. We also reserve the right to use the images and recordings to announce and advertise future events organized by us.

The legal basis for data processing is Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR. The purposes mentioned are legitimate interests within the meaning of the aforementioned provision.

As a rule, we store raw footage of the event recordings for up to 3 years after the end of the event and then delete it, unless we still need it to create or update our communication formats. We store and use finalized communication materials (e.g., posts on our website, or social media content) for as long as they are required for our public relations activities; we review at regular intervals whether the content is still needed and remove or update it as appropriate.

If selected photos are archived beyond this period for (institute-related) historical archiving and documentary purposes, we generally store them until such moment as an identifiable data subject objects (Art. 21 (1) sentence 2 GDPR). Storage will continue beyond such objection only if we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for processing which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

## 3. Forwarding data to third parties

We do not transfer your personal data to third parties for purposes other than those mentioned below.

### a) For performance of the contract

Your personal data are disclosed to third parties where legally permissible and required, pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR, for the performance of the contracts and agreements with you. This includes in particular disclosure of the data to event partners (Fienta Ticketing OÜ) for the purpose of planning and holding the event as well as disclosure of payment data to Fienta's payment service providers or financial institutions in order to process registration fee payments. Third parties may use the transferred data for the above-mentioned purposes only.

### b) In the context of image and video recordings

In some cases, we engage external service providers (e.g. photographers, videographers, and agencies) for the documentation of the event. These providers process personal data on our behalf and exclusively in accordance with our instructions.

In addition, in the context of publishing image and video recordings, the operators of the online platforms used by us (e.g. LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube) also gain access to your personal data. Some of these entities have their registered office or group headquarters in countries outside the European Union, especially in the USA. To the extent that personal data is transferred to a third country in this context, such transfer is based on an adequacy decision by the European Commission (Art. 45 GDPR) or on the standard contractual clauses adopted by the European Commission (Art. 46 GDPR).

### c) For additional purposes

Beyond the above, we disclose your personal data to third parties only if:

- you have given consent pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR, or
- in the event that there is a legal requirement for disclosure pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR.

## 4. Rights of the data subject

You have the following rights:

- pursuant to Art. 7 (3) GDPR, to withdraw your consent at any time. This means that we may not continue the data processing based on this consent in the future;
- pursuant to Art. 15 GDPR, to obtain access to your personal data processed by us. In particular, you may request information about the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, the categories of recipients to whom the

personal data have been or will be disclosed, and the envisaged period for which the data will be stored. Moreover, you have the right to request rectification, erasure, or restriction of processing, to object to processing, the right to lodge a complaint, and to obtain information about the source of your data if they were not collected by us, as well as about the existence of automated decision-making, including profiling, and, if applicable, meaningful information about the logic involved;

- pursuant to Art. 16 GDPR, to obtain the rectification of inaccurate data or the completion of your personal data without undue delay;
- pursuant to Art. 17 GDPR, to obtain the erasure of personal data saved by us unless processing is necessary to exercise the right of freedom of expression and information, to comply with a legal obligation, for reasons of public interest, or to establish, exercise or defend legal claims;
- pursuant to Art. 18 GDPR, to obtain restriction of processing of your personal data if you contest the accuracy of the data, the processing is unlawful but you oppose the erasure of the personal data, or if we no longer need the personal data but you still require the data for establishing, exercising or defending legal claims, or if you have filed an objection to the processing pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR;
- pursuant to Art. 20 GDPR, to receive your personal data that you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format or to request the transmission of those data to another controller and
- pursuant to Art. 77 GDPR, the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority. Generally, you may contact the supervisory authority of your habitual residence, place of work or the registered offices of our organization.

**Right to object**

If your personal data is processed on the basis of legitimate interests pursuant to Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR, you have the right to object to the processing of your personal data pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR if reasons exist for doing so that are based on your special situation or if the objection relates to direct marketing. In the latter case, you have a general right to object, with which we will comply without you having to provide information about a special situation.

If you would like to assert your right to object, an e-mail to datenschutz@zv.fraunhofer.de will suffice.