

Information pursuant to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for partners

Messe Berlin GmbH attaches great importance to data protection. This information notice informs you about the processing of the personal data which you have provided to us in connection with the stand and package registration. This notice supplements our General Data Protection Policy, which can be found at <https://www.messe-berlin.de/Datenschutz>.

1. Controller and data protection officer

Messe Berlin GmbH, Messedamm 22, 14055 Berlin, Germany, e-mail: central@messe-berlin.de, is the entity responsible for the processing of the personal data (the so-called controller) within the meaning of the GDPR in connection with the stand and package registration and service provider. If you have any queries relating to data protection, please feel free to contact our group data protection officer (address: as above; e-mail: datenschutz@messe-berlin.de).

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2. Categories and sources of personal data

The following categories of data are collected during the stand and package registration: name, address, telephone number and type of business of the partner that you represent as well as your name as a contact person for the partner, as well as the products and services requested by you or the contractual provisions, your contact details, those of the management and of the press contact (mobile) phone number, fax number, e-mail address) and other partner data such as its legal representatives, company logo, tax/VAT ID and billing information, including in the VAT form. Similar information is requested about the co-exhibitor, if any, in the Co-Exhibitor form.

Messe Berlin GmbH receives personal data in connection with the stand and package registration, from an address broker and its cooperation partners Bitkom e.V. and Bitkom Servicegesellschaft mbH, both at Albrechtstraße 10, 10117 Berlin, Germany (www.bitkom.org).

In addition, you can independently enter information for publication in the print catalogue or guide, in the Virtual Market Place® and in the app of the respective trade fair.

3. Purposes and legal basis of processing

3.1. Performance of the contract

We process the personal data for the purpose of establishing and performing the contract of the partner with Messe Berlin GmbH (legal basis: Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR) or on the basis of our legitimate interest to communicate with the partner and to optimize the partner's fair trade presence, including online in the Virtual Market Place® and the app of the respective fair (legal basis: Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR). In addition to the package services you can order additional or special services for the print catalogue, the online catalogue, in the Virtual Market Place® or the app. We process the information in the VAT form for compliance with our legal obligations under applicable tax and trade laws and regulations (legal basis: Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR).

3.2. Assistance for partners established outside Germany

If you or the partner are based outside Germany, we will disclose the data for the purpose of providing you with the best possible support to the foreign representative of Messe Berlin in your country. This representative will act as your local contact in connection with the trade fair participation, for instance regarding stand construction and advertising or marketing and will assist you in dealing with visa matters and at the trade fair itself. You can find the foreign representative responsible for your country at <https://www.messe-berlin.de/en/Company/MesseBerlinWorldwide/index.jsp>.

The transmission of the personal data is based on our legitimate interest in ensuring the best possible support for the partner, taking into account local particularities (legal basis: Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR). You have the right to object to this (see section 7 below).

3.3. Making contact by e-mail or post for information and advertising purposes by Messe Berlin group companies

Furthermore, we process the personal data for the purpose of contacting you in order to provide the partner with information concerning the trade fair and information on opening, side and subsequent events. Subsequent events also include other trade fairs and events organized or held by Messe Berlin GmbH or other Messe Berlin group companies in Germany and abroad. In addition, we process the personal data in order to provide offers for trade fair-related services such as stand construction, catering, facility services and hostess services. For these purposes, we also transmit the personal data to other companies of the Messe Berlin group of companies. We also process the personal data for purposes of market research and online surveys. The processing is carried out on the basis of our legitimate interest in providing our partners with optimal support before, during and after the trade fair or event and in advertising identical and similar products or services from the trade fair portfolio of the Messe Berlin group of companies (legal basis: Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR). You have a right to object to this (see section 7 below).

3.4. Transmission of personal data for marketing purposes to partner companies

If you have given us your separate consent, we will transmit the personal data to our business partners listed in the declaration of consent which may contact you by e-mail or post in order to offer you additional products and services in connection with the trade fair participation. Some special services are only offered by such business partners. The legal basis for the processing is your consent (Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR).

4. Categories of recipients of the data

Upon request, we share your contact information with neighbouring partners for purposes of coordination regarding the respective stand constructions and trade fair presence. As described in sections 3.2 to 3.4, we will transmit the personal data to foreign representatives or other companies of the Messe Berlin group of companies as well as business partners for the purposes and under the conditions stated therein. We also give your data to our cooperation partners Bitkom e.V. and Bitkom Servicegesellschaft mbH (www.bitkom.org) for the purpose of organising the event.

In order to carry out certain processing activities in connection with the stand and package registration (in particular some special services, dispatch of documents, customer surveys, hosting and IT support, data management, digital communication tools) we make use of external service providers and other companies of the Messe Berlin group of companies which process the personal data on our behalf (so-called "processors").

For compliance with tax and trade laws and regulations, we share your personal data with the tax and other relevant public and regulatory authorities.

5. Data transfer to third countries

Some of the foreign representatives, companies of the Messe Berlin group of companies, business partners or processors are based in third countries outside the EU, which do not provide the same level of protection for the personal data as the EU, in particular due to the absence of a legal framework, independent supervisory authorities or data protection rights and remedies. We will only transfer personal data to those third countries if the European Commission ("EU Commission") has adopted a so-called adequacy decision in this respect (this is the case for our foreign representatives in Andorra, Argentina, Canada, New Zealand, Israel, Japan, Switzerland and Uruguay) (Art. 45 GDPR) or otherwise where appropriate safeguards in accordance with Art. 46 GDPR have been provided, in particular standard data protection clauses adopted by the EU Commission pursuant to Art. 46 (2) lit. c GDPR. A copy can be obtained upon request (e.g. by e-mail – for contact details see section 1 above).

6. Storage period

Stored personal data will be erased, once they are no longer needed for achieving the relevant purpose of their processing. In so far as the processing takes place on the basis of consent or a legitimate interest of Messe Berlin GmbH, the data in question will no longer be processed for the purpose in question, and where appropriate, erased after receipt of your revocation of your consent or your objection to the processing, unless the conditions for a statutory exception are met. Notwithstanding the foregoing, personal data which are subject to retention obligations under commercial or tax laws will only be deleted after the expiry of the statutory retention periods.

7. Your rights

Pursuant to Art. 12-21 GDPR, you can assert the following data subject rights at any time: the right to access, rectification and erasure of your personal data, the right to data portability and to restriction of the processing. If the processing is based on legitimate interests, you have the right to object at any time to the processing of your personal data for reasons relating to your particular situation. Furthermore, you may object to the processing of the personal data for marketing purposes at any time. If you have given us your consent, you can revoke this consent at any time with effect for the future. If you are of the opinion that the data processing violates data protection law, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority of your choice

(Art. 77 GDPR in conjunction with section 19 of the German Federal Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz)). To exercise your rights, you can contact the controller (for contact details see point 1 above or smartcountry@messe-berlin.de).