

# Privacy Policy

KIT Group GmbH is the organizer and host of the 7th Medicinal Cannabis Congress 2026 ("Congress") and is responsible for the organization and implementation of the Congress.

As operators of the conference-related websites for registration, submission of abstracts and presentations, and, if applicable, hotel bookings (hereinafter "websites" or "profile pages"), we - KIT Group GmbH and our subsidiaries (hereinafter jointly: "KIT Group", "the company", "we" or "us") - take the protection of your personal data seriously and would like to inform you here about data protection within our company.

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679; hereinafter: "GDPR") obliges us, within the scope of our data protection responsibility, to protect the personal data of the data subject (we will also refer to you as the data subject as "customer", "user", "you", "you" or "data subject").

To the extent that we decide, either alone or jointly with others, on the purposes and means of data processing, this primarily includes the obligation to provide you with transparent information about the type, scope, purpose, duration, and legal basis of the processing (see Articles 13 and 14 GDPR). With this information (hereinafter: "Data Protection Notice"), we inform you about how we process your personal data.

Our privacy policy has a modular structure. It consists of a general section for all processing of personal data and processing situations that apply each time a website is accessed (A. General) and a specific section whose content refers only to the processing situation specified there, including the designation of the respective offer or product, in particular the visit to websites and the use of conference offerings (B. Visiting websites, use of conference offerings), as described in more detail here. The privacy policy includes a cookie policy (Part C).

To find the parts that are relevant to you, please note the following overview of the breakdown of the privacy policy:

## Part A (General)

This part is always relevant for you as a participant in the congress and visitor to the website.

## Part B (website and social media presence, conference offers)

The above principles are relevant to you when you visit the event-related websites, including social media presences, and take advantage of the congress offers.

## Part C (Cookie Policy)

The cookie policy contains a list of the cookies, plug-ins and tools used, as well as information on the options for revoking consent to data processing once given.

### A. General

#### (1) Definitions

Following the example of Art. 4 GDPR, this data protection notice is based on the following definitions:

- "Personal data" (Article 4 No. 1 GDPR) is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ("data subject"). A person is identifiable if they can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, an online identifier, location data, or information related to their physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social

identity. Identifiability may also be achieved by linking such information or other additional knowledge. The origin, form, or embodiment of the information is irrelevant (photos, video, or audio recordings may also contain personal data).

- "Processing" (Article 4 No. 2 GDPR) is any operation that is carried out on personal data, whether or not by automated (i.e., technology-based) means. This includes, in particular, the collection (i.e., acquisition), recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, comparison, linking, restriction, erasure, or destruction of personal data, as well as the change of a purpose or objective on which the data processing was originally based.
- "Controller" (Article 4 No. 7 GDPR) is the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which alone or jointly with others decides on the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.
- "Third party" (Article 4 No. 10 GDPR) means any natural or legal person, public authority, agency or body other than the data subject, the controller, the processor and the persons authorised to process the personal data under the direct responsibility of the controller or processor; this also includes other legal entities belonging to the group.
- "Processor" (Article 4 No. 8 GDPR) is a natural or legal person, public authority, agency, or other body that processes personal data on behalf of the controller, in particular in accordance with the controller's instructions (e.g., IT service providers). In the context of data protection law, a processor is not a third party.
- "Consent" (Article 4 No. 11 GDPR) of the data subject means any freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous indication of the data subject's wishes by which he or she, by a statement or by a clear affirmative action, signifies agreement to the processing of personal data concerning him or her.

## **(2) Name and address of the controller**

We are the party responsible for processing your personal data on this website and its subpages within the meaning of Art. 4 No. 7 GDPR:

KIT Group GmbH  
Kurfürstendamm 71  
10709 Berlin  
Germany  
Phone: +49 30 24603 0  
Fax: +49 30 24603 200  
info@kit-group.org

For further information about our company, please see the imprint on our website <https://medicinal-cannabis-congress.org/impressum/>.

## **(3) Contact details of the data protection officer**

data protection officer is available to answer any questions you may have and is available to assist you with data protection issues at any time. The KIT Group's external data protection officer is appointed by:

exculpa gmbh  
Waldfeuchter Straße 26652525 Heinsberg [www.exkulpa.de](http://www.exkulpa.de) Tel.: 02452/993311 E-Mail: [security@kit-group.org](mailto:security@kit-group.org)

You can also contact the data protection officer via our KIT Group data protection coordinator by phone at +49 30 24603 346 or at [security@kit-group.org](mailto:security@kit-group.org).

#### **(4) Legal basis for data processing**

By law, any processing of personal data is in principle prohibited and is only permitted if the data processing falls under one of the following justifications:

- Art. 6 (1) S. 1 lit . a GDPR ("consent"): Where the data subject has voluntarily, in an informed manner and unambiguously indicated by a statement or other unambiguous confirmatory act that he or she agrees to the processing of personal data concerning him or her for one or more specific purposes;
- Article 6 (1) ( b ) GDPR: If the processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract;
- Art. 6 (1) S. 1 lit . c GDPR: If the processing is necessary to fulfil a legal obligation to which the controller is subject (e.g. a statutory retention period);
- Article 6 (1) ( d ) GDPR: If processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
- Art. 6 (1) S. 1 lit . e GDPR: If the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller or
- Art. 6 (1) S. 1 lit . f GDPR ("Legitimate interests"): If processing is necessary to protect the legitimate (in particular legal or economic) interests of the controller or a third party, unless the conflicting interests or rights of the data subject prevail (in particular if the data subject is a minor).

For each of the processing operations we carry out, we specify the applicable legal basis below. Processing may also be based on multiple legal bases.

#### **( 5) Data deletion and storage period**

For each processing operation we perform, we specify below how long we store the data and when it will be deleted or blocked. Unless an explicit storage period is specified below, your personal data will be deleted or blocked as soon as the purpose or legal basis for storage no longer applies. Your data is generally stored only on our servers in Germany, subject to possible transfer in accordance with the provisions in A. (7) and A. ( 8).

However, storage may extend beyond the specified period in the event of an (impending) legal dispute with you or other legal proceedings, or if storage is required by legal regulations to which we as the controller are subject ( e.g. , Section 257 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), Section 147 of the German Fiscal Code (AO). If the storage period prescribed by law expires, the personal data will be blocked or deleted, unless further storage by us is necessary and there is a legal basis for doing so.

#### **(6) Data security**

We use appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect your data against accidental or intentional manipulation, partial or complete loss, destruction, or unauthorized access by third parties (e.g., TLS encryption for our website), taking into account the state of the art, implementation costs, and the nature, scope, context, and purpose of the processing, as well as the existing risks of a data breach (including its likelihood and impact) for the data subject. Our security measures are continuously improved in line with technological developments.

We will be happy to provide you with further information upon request. Please contact our data protection officer (see A. (3)).

## **(7) Cooperation with processors**

As with any larger company, we also use external domestic and foreign service providers to handle our business transactions (e.g., in the areas of IT, logistics, telecommunications, accommodation, sales, and marketing). These providers operate solely on our instructions and are contractually obligated to comply with data protection regulations within the meaning of Art. 28 GDPR or – where applicable – based on standard contractual clauses.

If your personal data is passed on by us to our subsidiaries or passed on by our subsidiaries to us ( e.g. , for advertising purposes), this is done on the basis of existing contract processing relationships or joint controllerships. An overview of our subsidiaries can be found at <https://www.kit-group.org/de/offices/> .

## **(8) Conditions for the transfer of personal data to third countries**

As part of our business relationships, your personal data may be transferred or disclosed to third parties. These companies may also be located outside the European Economic Area (EEA), i.e., in third countries. Such processing is carried out exclusively to fulfill contractual and business obligations and to maintain your business relationship with us. We will inform you about the respective details of the transfer below in the relevant sections.

The European Commission has certified that some third countries offer data protection comparable to the EEA standard through so-called adequacy decisions (a list of these countries and a copy of the adequacy decisions can be found here: [https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-topic/data-protection/international-dimension-data-protection/adequacy-decisions\\_de](https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-topic/data-protection/international-dimension-data-protection/adequacy-decisions_de) ). However, in other third countries to which personal data may be transferred, a consistently high level of data protection may not exist due to a lack of legal provisions. Where this is the case, we ensure that data protection is adequately guaranteed. This is possible through binding corporate rules, standard contractual clauses of the European Commission for the protection of personal data, certificates, or recognized codes of conduct. Please contact our data protection officer (see A. (3)) if you would like more information on this.

## **(9) No automated decision-making (including profiling )**

We do not intend to use any personal data collected from you for any automated decision-making process (including profiling ).

## **(10) No obligation to provide personal data**

We do not make the conclusion of contracts with us dependent on your prior provision of personal data. As a customer, you are generally under no legal or contractual obligation to provide us with your personal data. However, we may be unable to provide certain services to a limited extent or at all if you do not provide the necessary data. Should this exceptionally be the case within the scope of the products we offer presented below, you will be informed separately.

## **(11) Legal obligation to transmit certain data**

We may, under certain circumstances, be subject to a specific statutory or legal obligation to make the lawfully processed personal data available to third parties, in particular public authorities (Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR).

## **(12) Your rights**

assert your rights as a data subject regarding the processing of your personal data at any time using the contact details provided above under A.( 2). As a data subject, you have the right:

- to request information about your data processed by us in accordance with Art. 15 GDPR. In particular, you can request information about the processing purposes, the category of data, the categories of recipients to whom your data has been or will be disclosed, the planned storage period, the existence of a right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing or objection, the existence of a right to lodge a complaint, the origin of your data if it was not collected from us, as well as the existence of automated decision-making, including profiling, and, where applicable, meaningful information on its details;
- to request the immediate correction of inaccurate data or the completion of your data stored by us in accordance with Art. 16 GDPR;
- to request the deletion of your data stored by us in accordance with Art. 17 GDPR, unless the processing is necessary to exercise the right to freedom of expression and information, to fulfill a legal obligation, for reasons of public interest or to assert, exercise or defend legal claims;
- to request the restriction of the processing of your data in accordance with Art. 18 GDPR if you contest the accuracy of the data or if the processing is unlawful;
- in accordance with Art. 20 GDPR, to receive the data you have provided to us in a structured, common and machine-readable format or to request that it be transmitted to another controller ("data portability");
- to object to processing pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR, provided that the processing is based on Art. 6 (1) lit. e or lit. f GDPR. This is particularly the case if the processing is not necessary to fulfill a contract with you. Unless it is an objection to direct marketing, when exercising such an objection we ask you to explain the reasons why we should not process your data as we do. If your objection is justified, we will examine the situation and will either stop or adapt the data processing or show you our compelling legitimate reasons on the basis of which we continue the processing;
- pursuant to Art. 7 (3) GDPR, you have the right to revoke your consent (even before the GDPR came into force, i.e., before 25 May 2018) – that is, your voluntary, informed, and unambiguous consent, made clear by a statement or other unambiguous affirmative action, that you agree to the processing of the personal data concerned for one or more specific purposes – at any time, if you have given such consent. This means that we may no longer continue the data processing based on this consent in the future, and
- in accordance with Art. 77 GDPR, to complain to a data protection supervisory authority about the processing of your personal data in our company, for example to the data protection supervisory authority responsible for us:

Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Friedrichstrasse 219  
 10969 Berlin, Germany  
 Phone: +49 30 13889 0  
 Fax: +49 30 2155050  
[mailbox@datenschutz-berlin.de](mailto:mailbox@datenschutz-berlin.de)

### **(13) Changes to the privacy policy**

In line with ongoing developments in data protection law and technological or organizational changes, our privacy policy is regularly reviewed for any necessary adjustments or additions. You will be notified of any changes, particularly on our German website at [company website address]. This privacy policy is current as of October 15, 2021.

## **B. Visiting websites**

### **(1) Explanation of the function**

Information about our company and the services we offer during the congress can be found, in particular, at <https://medicinal-cannabis-congress.org/> , including the associated subpages and our company's website (hereinafter collectively referred to as "websites"). When you visit these websites, your personal data may be processed.

### **(2) Personal data processed**

When you use our website for informational purposes, we collect, store and process the following categories of personal data:

"Log data": When you visit our website, a so-called log data record (so-called server log files) is temporarily and anonymously stored on our web server. This consists of:

- the page from which the page was requested (so-called referrer URL)
- the name and URL of the requested page
- the date and time of the call
- a description of the type, language and version of the web browser used
- the IP address of the requesting computer, which is shortened so that a personal reference can no longer be established
- the amount of data transferred
- the operating system
- the message whether the call was successful (access status/Http status code)
- the GMT time zone difference

"Participant Data": To participate in the event, you must register using the registration form. The submitted data will be processed (e.g., gender, first and last name, title, nationality, address, institution/company, email address, field of research or activity, and payment data such as account or credit card details). If you participate in the event as a speaker or scholarship holder, additional data will be processed (e.g., data about your status as an author, memberships in academic associations, publication data).

"Accommodation data": When you request or book accommodation through our websites, the data transmitted in this way will be processed (e.g., first and last name, title, email address, billing address, billing data such as account or credit card details).

"Billing data": If you order or use paid services from us, the data transmitted in the process will be processed (billing data such as account or credit card details).

"Contact details": When using the specified email address to contact us, the data transmitted will be processed (at least the email address and the time of transmission, and depending on the information provided, for example, first and last name, address, institution/company).

### **(3) Purpose and legal basis of data processing**

We process the personal data described above in accordance with the provisions of the GDPR and other relevant data protection regulations, and only to the extent necessary. To the extent that the processing of personal data is based on Art. 6 (1) ( f) GDPR, the aforementioned purposes also represent our legitimate interests.

The processing of log data serves statistical purposes and to improve the quality of our website, in particular the stability and security of the connection (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR).

Participant data is processed to fulfill the contract concluded upon registration regarding participation in the event (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR). Any processing of special categories of personal data takes place exclusively within the strict limits of Art. 9 GDPR (e.g., health data, biometric data, data of origin). Participant data will only be processed for advertising and marketing purposes if you have consented to the processing or if the processing is necessary to protect our legitimate (in particular legal or economic) interests, unless your conflicting interests or rights prevail (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. a or lit. f GDPR).

The accommodation data is processed in preparation for and to fulfill the accommodation contract (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. b or lit. f GDPR).

Billing data is processed as part of the billing of services ordered or used for a fee (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. b GDPR).

Contact data is processed to process contact and customer inquiries (the legal basis is Art. 6 (1) lit. b or lit. f GDPR).

#### **(4) Duration of data processing**

Your data will only be processed for as long as necessary to achieve the aforementioned processing purposes; the legal bases specified in the context of the processing purposes apply accordingly. Regarding the use and storage period of cookies, please refer to Section A. ( 5) and the Cookie Policy in Section C.

Third parties employed by us will store your data on their systems for as long as is necessary in connection with the provision of the services for us in accordance with the respective order.

Further details on the storage period can be found under A.( 5) and the Cookie Policy in Section C.

#### **(5) Transfer of personal data to third parties; justification**

The following categories of recipients, who are usually processors (see A.( 7)), may have access to your personal data:

- Service providers for the operation of our website and the processing of data stored or transmitted by the systems ( e.g., for data center services, payment processing, IT security). The legal basis for the transfer is Art. 6 ( 1 ) ( b) or ( f) GDPR, unless they are contract processors;
- Government agencies/authorities, insofar as this is necessary to fulfill a legal obligation. The legal basis for the transfer is then Art. 6 (1) lit. c GDPR;
- Persons employed to conduct our business operations ( e.g. , auditors, banks, insurance companies, legal advisors, regulatory authorities, participants in company acquisitions or the establishment of joint ventures). The legal basis for the transfer is then Art. 6 (1) lit. b or lit. f GDPR.

Service providers responsible for organizing and implementing the event and processing the required transmitted data (e.g., operators of the event venue, logistics and security companies, technical service providers, accommodation and transport companies, catering). The legal basis for the transfer is Art. 6 ( 1 ) ( b) or ( f) GDPR, unless they are contract processors.

For the guarantees of an adequate level of data protection when data are transferred to third countries, see A.( 8).

Furthermore, we will only pass on your personal data to third parties if you have given your express consent in accordance with Art. 6 (1) lit. a GDPR.

## **(6) Use of cookies, plug-ins and other services on our website**

### **a) Cookies**

We use cookies on our website. Cookies are small text files that are stored on your hard disk and associated with the browser you use, using a unique character string. These files allow certain information to be sent to the location that placed the cookies. Cookies cannot run programs or transmit viruses to your computer and therefore do not cause any damage. They are designed to make the internet more user-friendly and effective—in other words, more pleasant for you.

Cookies can contain data that makes it possible to recognize the device used. However, cookies sometimes only contain information about certain settings that are not personally identifiable. Cookies cannot directly identify a user.

A distinction is made between session cookies, which are deleted as soon as you close your browser, and persistent cookies, which are stored beyond the individual session. In terms of their function, cookies are further divided into:

- Technical cookies: These are essential to navigate the website, use basic functions and ensure website security; they do not collect information about you for marketing purposes or store which websites you have visited;
- Performance cookies: These collect information about how you use our website, which pages you visit and, for example, whether errors occur during website usage; they do not collect information that could identify you – all information collected is anonymous and is only used to improve our website and to find out what interests our users;
- Advertising cookies, targeting cookies: These are used to offer website users needs-based advertising on the website or offers from third parties and to measure the effectiveness of these offers; advertising and targeting cookies are stored for a maximum of 13 months;
- Sharing cookies: These are used to improve the interactivity of our website with other services (e.g., social networks); sharing cookies are stored for a maximum of 13 months.

Any use of cookies that is not strictly necessary for technical reasons constitutes data processing, which is only permitted with your express and active consent in accordance with Art. 6 (1) (a) GDPR. This applies in particular to the use of advertising, targeting, or sharing cookies. Furthermore, we will only share your personal data processed by cookies with third parties if you have given your express consent in accordance with Art. 6 (1) (a) GDPR.

### **b) Cookie Policy**

For more information about the cookies we use and how to manage your cookie settings and opt out of certain types of tracking, please see Section C of our Cookie Policy.

### **c) Social media plug-ins**

social media plugins on our websites. If our websites contain symbols from social media providers (e.g., Facebook and Twitter, with symbols on the conference website), we use them only for passive linking to the respective providers' websites.



## C. Cookie Policy

### Cookies used on the website

On the sub-websites for registration for the congress, for registration for the workshops, for the submission of abstracts and, if applicable, presentations, and – if applicable – hotel bookings ("profile pages"), only so-called session cookies are regularly used.

Session cookies are used by a server to store information about activity on our website so that you, as a user, can easily continue from where you last left off. Websites typically don't have a "memory." Cookies tell the server which pages to show you, so you don't have to remember them or navigate from the beginning. Cookies are like bookmarks within our website.

The following session cookie is used when using the profile pages:

- a) Name: PHPSESSID
- b) Aim and purpose: The session cookie identifies you as a visitor between different pages and stores specific properties and settings regarding the display of teasers and similar.
- c) Storage period: The session cookie is automatically deleted after leaving the profile pages.