

## Information on the processing of personal data pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)<sup>1</sup>

The German Environment Agency takes the protection of your personal data very seriously. In this privacy statement we provide information about when and what data we collect about you in connection with events and managing participants, how we use this data and what rights you have.

### Registration and Participation in the TerraChem Final Conference “From soils to apex species” at the Federal Press Office, Berlin

#### 1. Data processor and controller – contact data:

The German Environment Agency, represented by the President, Wörlitzer Platz 1, D-06844 Dessau-Roßlau, Germany, telephone: +49-340-2103-2416, fax: +49-340-2103-2285, [buergerservice@uba.de](mailto:buergerservice@uba.de) is responsible for data processing within the meaning of Article 4(7) GDPR.

Our official data protection officer, Mr Udo Langhoff, is available at [udo.langhoff@uba.de](mailto:udo.langhoff@uba.de) or 030/8903-5141

#### 2. Processing framework

##### Categories of data collected

In accordance with Articles 13 and 14 of GDPR, we collect and process personal data in the following categories for event organisation and participant management:

- first name, surname, organisation, email address, position, registered events

Due to organisational, contractual and / or legal requirements, further personal data (e.g. data on health status (e.g. food intolerances, physical restrictions), nationality or ID data) are requested:

- allergies/food requirements

##### Origin of the collected data

The data we have collected comes from a direct survey in accordance with Article 13 of GDPR:

- via a registration form

##### Purpose of processing

Personal data is collected during registration for the TerraChem Final Conference via the UBA website in order to organise the conference. It is used to send information about the conference to registered participants in advance, to compile a list of participants and – with the consent of the individual

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<sup>1</sup> REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 27 April 2016 on the protection of the public with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR)

participants – to make this list available to them. In addition, personal data is used to create name and table badges and, in some cases, address data may be used for inviting participants to follow-up events.

### **Legal basis**

The German Environment Agency processes personal data – particularly in the area of its research tasks – alternatively on the basis of consent pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) GDPR.

### **Right to protect one's own image/voice**

Within the scope of press and public relations work, which is part of the tasks assigned to us, photographs and film recordings are made in which you may be recognisable.

As far as specific images of you are concerned, recording and dissemination will only take place with your consent in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) of GDPR.

If the recording is aimed purely at documenting the event, your image might also be seen as part of a group and in this case the legal basis is Article 6(1)(e) of GDPR in conjunction with the UBA Establishment Act, which we apply in accordance with case law under the established principles of Sections 22 and 23 of the Art Copyright Act.

The recordings may be published in various media, e.g. on the project website (<https://terrachem.eu/>), on the TerraChem LinkedIn page, on the German Environment Agency's website or in brochures and publications. You can object to the recording and publication on the internet and other social media by contacting the data controller. Please use the contact details cited in 1 above for your objection.

### **Recipient categories**

The German Environment Agency transmits personal data to other German or state (Land) public bodies in individual cases while performing its public duties. We may also forward the data to our contractors in terms of Article 28 of GDPR. The category of contractors organising events may be research and consulting institutes, scientific institutes or agencies etc.

In these cases, agreements on commissioned processing are established and technical and organisational measures are taken to ensure that external service providers also observe the data protection regulations, and whether a data transfer is actually necessary in this sense is always checked.

### **Storage period**

The storage period of the personal data depends on the necessity of the storage. They will be deleted no later than 6 months after the conference. Data will only be transferred to third parties if this serves the purpose of preparing and conducting the event.

## **3. Rights of data subjects**

The German Environment Agency is responsible for the processing of personal data both within the framework of fulfilling tasks in the public interest and as a contracting party under civil law. Data subjects therefore have the following rights under the GDPR:

### **Right of access – Article 15 GDPR**

Through the right of access, the data subjects have comprehensive insight into the data which concerns them and some other important criteria such as the purposes of the processing or the duration of storage. The exceptions to this right regulated in Section 34 BDSG apply.

### **Right to rectification – Article 16 GDPR**

The right to rectification includes the possibility for the data subject to have inaccurate personal data corrected.

### **Right to erasure – Article 17 GDPR**

The right to erasure includes the possibility for the data subject to have data deleted by the controller. However, this is only possible if the personal data concerning them is no longer necessary, is processed unlawfully or if consent has been revoked. The exceptions to this right regulated in Section 35 BDSG apply.

### **Right to restriction of processing – Article 18 GDPR**

The right to restrict processing includes the possibility for the data subject to first prevent further processing of personal data concerning them. A restriction occurs primarily during the examination phase of other rights exercised by the data subject.

### **Right to data portability – Article 20 GDPR**

The right to data portability includes the possibility for the data subject to obtain the personal data concerning them from the controller in a commonly used, machine-readable format, in order to have them transferred to another controller if necessary. However, pursuant to Article 20(3)(2) GDPR, this right is not available if the data processing serves the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest. This does not apply at the German Environment Agency only if the processing of personal data is carried out for fiscal purposes.

### **Right to object – Article 21 GDPR**

The right to object includes the possibility for data subjects in a particular situation to object to the further processing of their personal data, insofar as this is justified by the exercise of public functions or public or private interests. According to Section 36 BDSG, this right does not apply if a public body is obligated by law to process personal data.

### **Right to withdraw consent – Article 7(3) GDPR**

In addition, you have the right to revoke your consent within the meaning of Article 6(1)(a) or Article 9(2)(a) GDPR at any time without affecting the legality of the processing carried out on the basis of your consent until revocation.

## **4. The right to lodge a complaint**

Pursuant to Article 77 GDPR, every data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the competent data protection supervisory authority. The competent data protection supervisory authority for the German Environment Agency is the Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Graurheindorfer Str. 153, D-53117 Bonn, Germany, Tel. 00/49/228/997799-0, [poststelle@bfdi.bund.de](mailto:poststelle@bfdi.bund.de), [www.bfdi.de](http://www.bfdi.de).

## **5. Necessity of data processing**

The processing of the personal data described here by the German Environment Agency is directly related to the organisation of events.