

Information on the Processing of Personal Data for Our Website Visitors (as at: February 2023)

The protection of personal data is a top priority for BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB ("BLD"). This data protection declaration informs visitors of the websites www.bld.de and www.bld.eu ("*BLD websites*") about which data is collected, processed and used for which purposes by BLD when using the website. You will find information on our activities on social media and the corresponding data protection [here](#).

1. Responsibility for Data Processing / Data Protection Officer

The responsibility for the lawful collection, processing and use of the personal data of the visitors of the *BLD websites* lies with BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB, Theodor-Heuss-Ring 13-15, 50668 Cologne. The data protection officer for this company is Dr Sven-Markus Thiel, lawyer, *ibidem*,
Email: datenschutz@bld.de.

2. Processed Data and Purposes of Processing

2.1 Usage Data

Upon opening a *BLD website*, *BLD* temporarily stores various general data and information about the system accessing the website ("usage data") on the server, which may make it possible to identify the visitor. This *usage data* contains the date and time of the server request, the browser type and version used, the operating system of the accessing system and the website from which the *BLD website* is accessed (so-called referrer), the name of the access provider, the sub-pages accessed on the BLD website, the Internet Protocol address (IP address), the notification of successful retrieval, the transmitted data volume and the duration of transmission as well as data comparable with this data.

Usage data is processed on the basis of Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f of the European General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) - ("GDPR").

BLD needs the *usage data* to make the *BLD websites* accessible, to maintain their technical operability and to prevent and, where necessary, prosecute any misuse of the *BLD websites*. The usage data is used in anonymised form, i.e. without the possibility of identifying the visitor, ultimately to optimise the *BLD websites* and for statistical purposes.

The purposes described also constitute the legitimate interest in data processing within the meaning of Art. 6 para. 1 sentence 1 lit. f *GDPR*.

2.2 Cookies

The *BLD websites* only use cookies that are necessary to ensure the smooth functionality of the website. Cookies are small text files that are stored on the visitor's data carrier and exchange certain settings and data with the systems of *BLD* via the visitor's browser. A cookie usually contains a character string by which websites and servers can be assigned to the specific internet browser in which the cookie was stored ("Cookie-ID"). This allows the internet browser to be recognised and identified. The use of cookies enables *BLD* to set up the *BLD websites* in a user-friendly way. This means, for example, that visitors do not have to enter certain information repeatedly.

BLD uses ASP.NET session cookies, which store data in order to support the flow of information and functionality of the website. This is not user-related data. **The *BLD websites* use a technical cookie, which is set as part of the client registration process. The cookie is merely exchanged between the visitor's browser/computer and the website and is deleted after the visit to the website (20 minutes of inactivity or upon closing the browser).**

The purpose of using technically necessary cookies is to enable the use of the *BLD websites*, as it is necessary, among other things, for the visitor's browser to be recognised even after changing the website. *BLD* does not use these cookies to identify the visitor and does not connect the temporarily stored information with personal visitor data.

The visitor may prevent the storage of cookies by the respective *BLD website* at any time by using a corresponding setting in the internet browser used and may therefore permanently object to the storage of cookies. If the visitor deactivates the storage of cookies in the browser used, the functions of the *BLD website* may only be usable to a limited extent or not at all. Visitors can also remove cookies that have already been stored via their browser or other software programmes.

The purposes described also constitute the legitimate interest in data processing.

The processing of the data described in number 2.2 is processed on the basis of Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f *GDPR*.

2.3 Data Submitted in the Course of Establishing Contact

BLD enables interested visitors to the *BLD websites* to contact *BLD* and, for example, to submit job applications to *BLD* online. The data submitted to *BLD* in this context is exclusively used by *BLD* in order to process the respective request and is not passed on to third parties. When using the contact form,

the IP address of the accessing system and the date and time of transmission are also stored. This data is exclusively stored for the purpose of retracing any potential misuse.

The purposes described also constitute the legitimate interest in data processing.

The data described in number 2.3 is processed on the basis of Art. 6 para. 1 lit. b and lit. f *GDPR*.

2.4 Newsletter

It is possible to subscribe to a newsletter on the *BLD websites*. Upon subscribing, the interested visitor enters his/her salutation and title (both optional), first name, last name, email address, company, department, function and the topic about which he/she wishes to receive the newsletter. This data is exclusively used for sending the newsletter and is not passed on to third parties.

The data described in number 2.4 is processed on the basis of Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a *GDPR*.

3. Location of Data Storage

Unless otherwise described in this data protection declaration, personal data is processed exclusively in data centres that are located within the scope of the *GDPR*.

4. Duration of Storage

Personal data will be erased as soon as it is no longer needed for the purposes described in this data protection declaration, unless statutory provisions allow or require a longer period of storage.

If personal data is stored for the purpose of receiving the newsletter, the data will be erased as soon as the visitor unsubscribes from the newsletter or withdraws his/her consent.

5. Visitor Rights

The visitor as well as any other persons affected by the usage of data by *BLD* are entitled to obtain information about the personal data stored by *BLD*.

Moreover, these persons have the following rights concerning the personal data pertaining to them, provided the respective statutory requirements are met:

- > right to rectification or erasure,
- > right to restriction of processing,
- > right to object to the processing,
- > right to data portability.

In order to exercise the rights referred to in number 5 as well as in case of questions or complaints regarding the use of their personal data, visitors to the *BLD websites* and, where applicable, other persons affected, may refer to the data protection officer of *BLD* specified in number 1.

Furthermore, visitors to the *BLD websites* and, where applicable, other persons affected may also refer to the responsible regulatory authority for complaints about the use of their data, especially in the Member State of their habitual residence, their workplace or the place of the alleged infringement, if they are of the opinion that the processing of personal data pertaining to them infringes the *GDPR*.

Information about social media

BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB ("BLD") is active in social media (LinkedIn, Xing). This is where you can find current information on *BLD* as well as news regarding liability and insurance law. You may find us by accessing the provider's website. BLD does not use any fee-based or optional additional analyses of the respective provider.

If you wish to use the website of the respective provider, please obtain information on the handling of your personal data from the respective provider's data protection regulations. You will find information there on the purpose and extent of data collection, on your corresponding rights and on any possible settings to protect your privacy. Please familiarise yourself with these regulations before accessing the websites. This is because, in case of doubt, data might be transferred automatically from your computer to the operators of the social media each time you access them. You may find the provider's data protection regulations here:

LinkedIn:

Provider and data controller within the EU: LinkedIn Ireland Unlimited Company, Attn: Legal Dept. (Privacy Policy and User Agreement), Wilton Plaza, Wilton Place, Dublin 2, Ireland

https://www.linkedin.com/legal/privacy-policy?trk=homepage-basic_footer-privacy-policy

Xing:

XING SE, Dammtorstraße 30, 20354 Hamburg, Germany

<https://privacy.xing.com/de/datenschutzerklaerung>

None of the providers is fully aware of which data is collected and how it is processed in each individual case. It is very likely that at least the following data will be collected, even if you are not logged in: IP address, time at which the website was accessed, location-related information (for mobile devices), device-related information (e.g. the operating system used and browser information), previously visited websites (for advertising purposes), data of uninvolved third parties (e.g. email addresses in case of recommendations).

If providers do not state otherwise, it can be assumed that the following technologies are used in plugins to collect data: Cookies (e.g. permanent storage of your login-data; possibly also by third-party providers such as advertising customers), log files (storage of cookie data on the provider's

servers), analysis scripts (e.g. recording of click behaviour on a site), forwarding of posted links and local data storage (e.g. permanent storage of images).

It is very likely that all providers also pass on personal data. The recipients are contracted third-party providers who provide outsourced services (e.g. newsletters), authorities if there is a legal obligation or suspicion of an infringement, or new business owners in case of acquisition or insolvency.