

## **Data Protection information for processing of personal data when using the website [www.bld.de](http://www.bld.de)/[www.bld.eu](http://www.bld.eu) (as at march 2019)**

The protection of personal data is of the highest priority for BLD Bach Langheid Dallmayr Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbB (BLD). This data protection declaration informs visitors of the BLD website which data are being collected, processed and used for which purposes by BLD during the use of the website.

### **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 website 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, e-mail: [datenschutz@bld.de](mailto:datenschutz@bld.de).

### **2. Processed Data and Purposes of Processing**

#### **2.1 Usage Data**

Upon opening the BLD website, BLD temporarily stores various general data and information about the system accessing the website ("usage data") on the server, which may possible allow an identification of the visitor. These usage data contain date and time of the server request, type and version of the browser used, operating system of the accessing system and website from which the BLD website is accessed (so-called referer), name of the access provider, sub-pages accessed from the BLD website, internet protocol address (IP address), notification of successful retrieval, transmitted data volume and duration of transmission as well as data comparable to any of these data.

The processing of usage data is effected 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 website accessible, to maintain its technical operability and to prevent and, where necessary, prosecute misuse of the BLD website. In an anonymised form, i. e. without the possibility of identifying the visitor, these data finally serve the purpose of optimising the BLD website as well as 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 website only uses cookies that are necessary for the smooth functionality of the website. Cookies are small text files which are stored on the visitor's data carrier and which 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 allocated to the precise web browser in which the cookie was stored ("Cookie-ID"). This way, the internet browser can be recognised and identified. BLD is enabled to set up a user-friendly website by the use of cookies. Thereby, it can for example be prevented that the visitor has to insert certain data repeatedly.

BLD uses ASP.NET Session Cookies, which store data in order to support the flow of information and functionality of the website. These are no user-related data. The cookie is

merely exchanged between the browser/computer of the visitor and the website and is erased after the visit to the website (20 minutes of inactivity or closing the browser).

The intended purpose of the technically required cookies is to enable the use of the website, as it is i.a. necessary that the visitor's browser is being recognised for example after a change of websites. 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 BLD website at any time by making respective settings in the web browser used and can thus object to the storage of cookies permanently. If the visitor deactivates the storage of cookies in the browser used, the functions of our website may possibly be usable only in a limited way or not usable at all. The visitor can also remove cookies that have already been stored through his browser or other software.

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

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

### 2.3 Data Submitted in the Course of Contacting

BLD enables interested visitors of the BLD website to contact BLD and for example submit job applications to BLD online. The data submitted to BLD in this context are used by BLD only in order to process the respective request and are not passed on to third parties. When using the contact form, moreover the IP address of the accessing system and the date and time of transmission are stored. Such data are exclusively stored for the purpose of retracing potential misuse.

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

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

### 2.4 Newsletter

On the BLD website there is the possibility to subscribe to a newsletter. Upon subscribing, the interested visitor enters his salutation and title (both optional), first name, last name, e-mail address, company, department, function and the topic about which he wishes to receive the newsletter. Such data are exclusively used for the dispatch of the newsletter and are not passed on to third parties.

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

## 3. Location of Data Storage

Unless otherwise described in this data protection declaration, the processing of personal data is carried out 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 they are no longer needed for the purposes described in this data protection declaration, unless statutory provisions allow or require a longer period of storage.

Insofar as personal data are stored for receiving the newsletter, these data will be erased as soon as the visitor unsubscribes from the newsletter or withdraws his consent.

## **5. Visitor Rights**

The visitor as well as all other persons concerned 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 against processing,
- right to data portability.

In order to exercise the rights mentioned in number 5 as well as in case of questions or complaints about the use of their personal data, visitors to the website and, where applicable, other persons concerned, may refer to the data protection officer of BLD specified in number 1.

Furthermore, the users of the BLD website and, where applicable, other persons concerned may also refer to the responsible regulatory authority for complaints about the use of their data, especially in the member state of their 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.