

Privacy Policy

This is a translation of our German privacy policy, which can be found here:
<https://ecsa.citizen-science.net/datenschutz/>

Data protection

The party responsible for data protection, in particular the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), is: [Tim Woods](#).

Your rights as a data subject

You can exercise the following rights at any time using the contact details provided for our data protection officer:

- Information about your data stored by us and its processing,
- Correction of incorrect personal data,
- Deletion of your data stored by us,
- Restriction of data processing, if we are not yet allowed to delete your data due to legal obligations,
- Objection to the processing of your data by us and
- Data portability, provided that you have consented to the data processing or have agreed a contract with us.

If you have given us consent, you can revoke this at any time with lasting effect.

You can contact the responsible supervisory authority at any time with a complaint. Your supervisory authority depends on the federal state of your residence, your work or the alleged violation. A list of supervisory authorities (for the non-public sector) with address can be found at: https://www.bfdi.bund.de/DE/Infothek/Anschriften_Links/anschriften_links-node

Purposes of data processing by the responsible body and third parties

We process your personal data only for the purposes stated in this privacy policy. We do not transfer your personal data to third parties for purposes other than those stated. We will only share your personal data with third parties if:

- you have given your express consent to this,
- the processing is necessary for the performance of a contract with you,
- the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation,
- the processing is necessary to protect legitimate interests and there is no reason to assume that you have an overriding interest worthy of protection in the non-disclosure of your data.

Deletion or blocking of the data

We adhere to the principles of data avoidance and data economy. We therefore only store your personal data for as long as is necessary to achieve the purposes stated here or as stipulated by the various storage periods provided for by law. After the respective purpose has ceased to exist or these periods have expired, the corresponding data is routinely blocked or deleted in accordance with the statutory provisions.

Collection of general information when visiting our website

When you access our website, information of a general nature is automatically collected by means of a cookie. This information (server log files) includes, for example, the type of web browser, the operating system used, the domain name of your internet service provider and similar information. This is exclusively information that does not allow any conclusions to be drawn about your person.

This information is technically necessary to correctly deliver the content of web pages requested by you and is mandatory when using the Internet. It is processed for the following purposes:

- Ensuring a smooth connection with the website,
- Ensuring smooth use of our website,
- Evaluation of system security and stability, and
- for further administrative purposes.

The processing of your personal data is based on our legitimate interest from the aforementioned data collection purposes. We do not use your data to draw conclusions about your person. Recipients of the data are only the responsible body and, if applicable, order processors.

Anonymous information of this kind may be statistically evaluated by us in order to optimise our website and the technology behind it.

Cookies

Like many other websites, we also use so-called "cookies". Cookies are small text files that are transferred from a website server to your hard drive. Through this, we automatically receive certain data such as IP address, browser used, operating system and your connection to the internet.

Cookies cannot be used to run programs or deliver viruses to a computer. The information contained in cookies allows us to facilitate your navigation and enable the correct display of our web pages.

Under no circumstances will the data we collect be passed on to third parties or linked to personal data without your consent.

Of course, you can also view our website without cookies. Internet browsers are regularly set to accept cookies. In general, you can deactivate the use of cookies at any time via your browser settings. Please use the help functions of your internet browser to find out how to change these settings. Please note that individual functions of our website may not work if you have deactivated the use of cookies.

Registration on our website

When registering to use our personalised services, some personal data is collected, such as name, address, contact and communication data such as telephone number and e-mail address. If you are registered with us, you can access content and services that we only offer to registered users.

Registered users also have the option of changing or deleting the data provided during registration at any time, if necessary. Of course, we will also provide you with information about the personal data we have stored about you at any time. We will also be happy to correct or delete this data at your request, provided there are no legal obligations to retain data. To contact us in this context, please use the contact details provided at the end of this data protection declaration.

SSL Encryption

To protect the security of your data during transmission, we use state-of-the-art encryption procedures (e.g., SSL) via HTTPS.

Newsletter

- Nature and purpose of the processing:

Your data will only be used to send you the newsletter you have subscribed to by e-mail. Your name is provided in order to be able to address you personally in the newsletter and, if necessary, to identify you if you wish to exercise your rights as a data subject.

To receive the newsletter, it is sufficient to provide your e-mail address. When registering to receive our newsletter, the data you provide will be used exclusively for this purpose. Subscribers may also be informed by e-mail about circumstances relevant to the service or registration (e.g., changes to the newsletter offer or technical circumstances).

For an effective registration, we require a valid e-mail address. In order to verify that a registration is actually made by the owner of an e-mail address, we use the "double-opt-in" procedure. For this purpose, we log the order for the newsletter, the sending of a confirmation e-mail and the receipt of the response requested therein. No further data is collected. The data is used exclusively for sending the newsletter and is not passed on to third parties.

- Legal basis:

On the basis of your expressly given consent (Art. 6 Para. 1 lit. a GDPR), we will regularly send you our newsletter or comparable information by e-mail to the e-mail address you provided.

You can revoke your consent to the storage of your personal data and its use for sending the newsletter at any time with effect for the future. There is a corresponding link in every newsletter. You can also unsubscribe directly on this website at any time or inform us of your revocation using the contact option given at the end of this data protection notice.

- Recipient:

Recipients of the data are, if applicable, order processors.

- Storage period:

In this context, the data will only be processed as long as the corresponding consent has been given. Afterwards they will be deleted.

- Provision prescribed or required:

The provision of your personal data is voluntary, based solely on your consent. Unfortunately, we cannot send you our newsletter without your consent.

Contact form

If you contact us by e-mail or contact form regarding questions of any kind, you give us your voluntary consent for the purpose of contacting you. For this purpose, you must provide a valid e-mail address. This is used for the assignment of the enquiry and the subsequent response to it. The provision of further data is optional. The information you provide will be stored for the purpose of processing the enquiry and for possible follow-up questions. Personal data will be automatically deleted after your enquiry has been dealt with.

Use of Google Analytics

This website uses Google Analytics, a web analytics service provided by Google, Inc. (hereinafter: Google). Google Analytics uses "cookies", which are text files placed on your computer, to help the website analyse how users use the site. The information generated by the cookie about your use of this website is usually transmitted to a Google server in the USA and stored there. However, due to the activation of IP anonymisation on these websites, your IP address will be truncated beforehand by Google within member states of the European Union or in other contracting states of the Agreement on the European Economic Area. Only in exceptional cases will the full IP address be transmitted to a Google server in the USA and shortened there. On behalf of the operator of this website, Google will use this information for the purpose of evaluating your use of the website, compiling reports on website activity, and providing other services relating to website activity and internet usage to the website operator. The IP address transmitted by your browser as part of Google Analytics will not be merged with other Google data.

The purpose of the data processing is to evaluate the use of the website and to compile reports on activities on the website. Further associated services are then to be provided based on the use of the website and the internet. The processing is based on the legitimate interest of the website operator.

You may refuse the use of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser, however, please note that if you do this you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website. In addition, you can prevent the collection of data generated by the cookie and related to your use of the website (incl. your IP address) to Google as well as the processing of this data by Google by downloading and installing the browser plugin available under the following link: [Browser Add On to deactivate Google Analytics](#).

In addition, or as an alternative to the browser add-on, you can prevent tracking by Google Analytics on our pages by clicking [on this link](#). This will install an opt-out cookie on your device. This will prevent the collection by Google Analytics for this website and for this browser in the future, as long as the cookie remains installed in your browser.

Use of script libraries (Google Web Fonts)

In order to display our content correctly and graphically appealing across browsers, we use script libraries and font libraries such as Google Webfonts (<https://www.google.com/webfonts/>) on this website. Google Web Fonts are transferred to your browser's cache to avoid multiple loading. If the browser does not support Google Web Fonts or prevents access, content is displayed in a standard font.

Calling up script libraries or font libraries automatically triggers a connection to the operator of the library. It is theoretically possible - although it is currently unclear whether and, if so, for what purposes - that the operators of such libraries collect data.

The privacy policy of the library operator Google can be found here:

<https://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>

Use of Google Maps

This website uses Google Maps API to visually display geographical information. When using Google Maps, Google also collects, processes and uses data about visitors' use of the map functions. You can find more information about data processing by Google in the [Google privacy policy](#). There you can also change your personal privacy settings in the Privacy Centre.

Detailed instructions on managing your own data in connection with Google products [can be found here](#).

Embedded YouTube videos

We embed YouTube videos on some of our websites. The operator of the corresponding plugins is YouTube, LLC, 901 Cherry Ave, San Bruno, CA 94066, USA. When you visit a page with the YouTube plugin, a connection to YouTube servers is established. This tells YouTube which pages you are visiting. If you are logged into your YouTube account, YouTube can assign your surfing behaviour to you personally. You can prevent this by logging out of your YouTube account first.

If a YouTube video is started, the provider uses cookies that collect information about user behaviour.

If you have deactivated the saving of cookies for the Google Ad programme, you will not have to expect any such cookies when watching YouTube videos. However, YouTube also stores non-personal usage information in other cookies. If you wish to prevent this, you must block the storage of cookies in your browser.

Further information on data protection at "YouTube" can be found in the provider's data protection statement at: <https://www.google.de/intl/en/policies/privacy/>

Use of reCAPTCHA

We rely on the "reCAPTCHA" service provided by Google (Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043 USA, hereinafter "Google") to protect forms on our site. By using the service, we can distinguish whether the form was filled out by a natural person or automatically by a computer.

According to our current knowledge, some information such as the IP address, referrer URL, the behaviour of website visitors, operating system information, browser details and dwell time, cookies, display instructions and scripts, the user's input behaviour and mouse movements in the area of the "reCAPTCHA" checkbox are transmitted to "Google".

Google uses the data obtained in this way, among other things, to optimise some of its services such as Google Street View and Google Maps (e.g., house number and street name recognition).

If you were logged in with your Google account at the time of using "reCAPTCHA", the transmitted IP address will not be merged with other Google data. If you wish to avoid the transmission of your data to Google through "reCAPTCHA", you must log out of "Google" before visiting our site.

The use of the "reCAPTCHA" service obtained information is in accordance with the Google terms of use: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/>

Change to our privacy policy

We reserve the right to adapt this data protection declaration so that it always complies with the current legal requirements or in order to implement changes to our services in the data protection declaration, e.g., when introducing new services. The new data protection statement will then apply to your next visit.

Questions to the Data Protection Officer

If you have any questions about data protection, please write us an email or contact the person responsible for data protection in our organisation directly.

The data protection declaration was created with the [data protection declaration generator of activeMind AG](#).