

Privacy Notice

The protection of your personal data is very important for us and we treat your data as confidential. In all acts concerning data processing such as collection, processing and utilization we act according to the provisions of data protection law valid in Germany (e.g. the EU- General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR and the Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG)) as well as the specifications of this privacy notice. In the following we will inform you in detail about the type, scope and reason of the data collection, and the use of the collected data. Please carefully review the following information. If you have further questions feel free to contact us via email at info@flatrateip.com.

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I. Data collection, processing and utilization

Anonymous use of the website

In general you are able to use our website without giving personal data. Any deviations of this general rule are listed below.

Personal data

Personal data means any information concerning the personal or material circumstances enabling the identification of a user such as name, address, telephone number, email-address or date of birth. We are collecting, using and forwarding this data only if it is permitted by law or you agree with this data collection or you provide such data voluntarily and for the order processing or in course of your inquiry. E.g. in cases of applications of intellectual property rights personal data are also published in whole or in part in public registers. You are giving us personal data in connection with a commissioning or contact with us. We are using this data – unless otherwise specified – only based on your consent (cf. Article 6 Sec. 1 a) GDPR – consent to the processing), to handle the job or to process your request (cf. Article 6 Sec. 1 b) GDPR – performance of a contract/taking respective steps). After the complete termination of the mandate and if the fee is paid in full, your data will be stored but not used and will be deleted after the termination of the safekeeping periods set by legal provisions (e.g. tax or commercial law) provided you do not agree explicitly with the further use of your data. When it comes to the deletion we act according to the legal safekeeping periods for lawyers (6 years after the termination of the calendar year the mandate has been terminated). Data not necessary for the mandate is deleted immediately and not used in the future in case of an objection and if there are no tax or commercial safekeeping obligations.

This website contains the following functions relevant for data protection law:

a) Visiting the website

When visiting our website, the terminal device and the internet browser you use automatically send so-called log data to the server on which it is hosted. These include, among other things, the name of the website called up, the time of the page call, the internet browser used, etc.. Insofar as the IP address of the requesting computer is also transmitted, this is stored in shortened / anonymized form – after it is no longer required for calling up the internet offer. The log data are used to ensure a technically error-free and optimal function of the website. They can be used in part for the analysis of user behavior and for statistical evaluations. However, it is not possible for us to assign this data to specific persons. The legal basis for this data collection results from Art. 6 para. 1 f) DSGVO (legitimate interests of an economic nature to optimize the offer).

b) Contact form

You can send us inquiries of various kinds via the contact forms available on the website. The request for personal data is limited to the information required for further processing or response. At least a valid email address and a name are required, while other personal data can be left voluntarily in the contact form. The use of this data is – unless you have explicitly agreed to further use – exclusively for processing your request and for order processing. It will not be used for other purposes or passed on to third parties. The legal basis for corresponding data collection in the context of a contact form results from Art. 6 para. 1 a) DSGVO (granted consent to processing) as well as Art. 6 para. 1 b) DSGVO (contract performance / pre-contractual measures). A deletion of the data transmitted by you e.g. takes place after completion of the respective order, taking into account the legal requirements (see above).

c) Email

On our website we refer various times to the option of an email contact. This concerns e.g. the contact for a legal mandate or its initiation as well as further requests. The personal data sent is only used and saved for the processing of the very request and potential follow-up questions. By using various technical and organizational options, we store your data, which we acquire via email, inaccessible for third parties. However, by using such a means of communication we are not able to guarantee complete data security, so that we recommend that you send sensitive information or information with a high need for confidentiality by letter mail. The legal basis for the data collection within an email contact are e.g. Article 6 Sec. 1 a) GDPR (consent to the processing), Article 6 Sec. 1 b) GDPR (performance of a contract/taking respective steps) or Article 6 Sec. 1 f) GDPR (legitimate interests of economic nature for optimization of our offers). A deletion of the submitted data happens e.g. after the termination of the very order by considering legal requirements (see above).

d) Further contact options (e.g. phone, fax)

You can find further contact options on our website (e.g. phone and fax numbers). If you use this options it may be that we get aware of personal data which we may use for various purposes – especially for the mandate processing. The legal basis for the data collection within your contact are e.g. Article 6 Sec. 1 a) GDPR (consent to the processing) or Article 6 Sec. 1 b) GDPR (performance of a contract/taking respective steps)

e) Links to other websites

We have no influence that third parties comply with the legal requirements of data protection law. If we refer or link from our website to websites of third parties we are not able to guarantee the accuracy and completeness of the respective content as well as their data security.

f) Services and content of third parties

On our website we may integrate content of third parties like videos from video platforms (e.g. Youtube), maps (e.g. from Google-Maps) or further content from third parties. Normally these suppliers need your IP address in order to send the respective content to your browser. Despite the fact that we try to only use content of suppliers, which just need the IP address to provide the content, it may be that third parties store your IP address (e.g. for statistical purposes). We will inform you about it as far as this is recognizable for us. The legal basis for the data collection within this services is Article 6 Sec. 1 f) GDPR (legitimate interests of economic nature for optimization of our offers).

II. Data security

We try to protect our website as well as our further system through present technical and organizational measures against damage, loss, destruction, unauthorized access and similar measures of third parties and adjust these security measures to technological developments on a regular basis.

For security reasons and to protect the transmission of confidential data sent by you, our website mainly uses the industry standard SSL or TLS encryption. This encrypted connection is recognizable by the fact that "https://" appears at the beginning of the domain name in the address line of the browser and a lock symbol appears next to it and is intended to prevent transmitted data from being read by third parties.

We would also like to point out that communication via unencrypted email involves a certain risk to the confidentiality of this communication. If you would like to communicate with us in encrypted form, please send us a short message to coordinate the further steps.

III. Legal rights: Right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure and right to restriction of processing, right to data portability, right to lodge a complaint etc. as well as right to object / withdraw consent

According to the legal requirements you are entitled to e.g. the following rights towards us as responsible persons concerning your personal data processed by us:

– **Right of access** (Article 15 GDPR) concerning your personal data processed by us (without giving reasons). In particular you have the right to obtain from us confirmation as to whether or not your personal data is processed, and, where that is the case, access to the personal data and the following information: the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned, the recipients or categories of recipients to whom the personal data have been or will be disclosed, the envisaged period for which the personal data will be stored, the existence of the right to request rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing of personal data or to object to such processing, the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, any available information as to their source where the personal data are not collected from us as well as the existence of automated decision-making, including profiling as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing.

– **Right to (immediate) rectification** (Article 16 GDPR) of your inaccurate personal data as well as the right to demand the completion of your incomplete personal data stored by us – also by a supplementary statement.

– Right to (immediate) **erasure / ‘right to be forgotten’** (Article 17 GDPR) of your personal data saved by us as long as the processing is not necessary for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information, for compliance with a legal obligation which requires processing, for reasons of public interest, or for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

– Right to **restriction of processing** of this data (Article 18 GDPR) where the accuracy of the personal data is contested by you, the processing is unlawful and you oppose the erasure of the personal data and request the restriction of their use instead, we no longer need the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but they are required by you for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims or you objected to processing pursuant to Article 21 Sec. 1 GDPR.

– **Right to data portability** (Article 20 GDPR), so that you receive your personal data provided by you in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format or demand the transmission directly to another controller.

– **Right to withdraw** your **consent** at any time (Article 7 Section 3 GDPR) towards us concerning your previously given consent so that we may not proceed with the processing based on this consent in the future.

– **Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority** (Article 77 GDPR): Without prejudice to any other administrative or judicial remedy, you shall have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the Member State of your habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement if you consider that the processing of your personal data infringes this Regulation.

Right to object (Article 21 GDPR):

In case the data processing is based on legitimate interest according to Article 6 Sec. 1 f) GDPR you have the right according to Article 21 GDPR to object at any time, if there are grounds relating to your particular situation or the objection is directed against direct marketing purposes. In the latter case you have a general right to object, which we implement without showing compelling legitimate grounds. In a case like this personal data are no longer processed for such purposes.

Contact details for information, rectification or erasure requests and further rights as well as the right to object / withdraw consent:

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IV. Change of the privacy notice, actuality and availability

From time to time – e.g. for the implementation of relevant legal requirements – we adjust and change our privacy notice. When visiting this website the current valid version is applied. This up-to-date privacy notice (version 1.0) can be retrieved and printed by you at any time.