

Privacy Policy

1. Name and contact data of the data controller and also the company data protection officer

This Privacy Policy covers data processing by:

Data Controller:

Gate (hereinafter referred to as: "Gate"),
Kopernikusstr. 4
10243 Berlin

Email: hi@welcometogate.com

Data protection related requests can be sent to the aforementioned address as well as under the following email address.

Email: dataprotection@welcometogate.com

2. Collection and storage of personal data and also nature and purpose and their use

a) When visiting the website

When you access our website welcometogate.com, the browser on your end device automatically sends information to our website server. When you do so, we only record the IP address of the requesting computer, however the last octet (8 bits) will be truncated and the IP address replaced by a generic IP address. This information is temporarily saved in a log file. The following information is collected without any action on your part and deleted automatically after four weeks:

- IP address of the querying computer,
- date and time of the access,
- name and URL of the accessed file,
- website from which the access was made (referrer URL),

- browser type and version and also further information sent by the browser (such as your computer's operating system, the name of your access provider, geographical origin, language setting etc.).

We process this data for the following purposes:

- ensuring trouble-free connection to the website,
- ensuring comfortable use of our website,
- evaluating system security and stability, and also
- for further administrative purposes.

The legal grounds for the data processing is Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Our legitimate interest follows from the above purposes for the data collection. Under no circumstances do we use the collected data for the purpose of drawing any conclusions about your person.

In addition, we also use cookies and analytics services during visits to our website. Further explanations can be found under sections 4 and 5 of this Data Protection Policy.

b) When setting up a user account

You can set up a password-protected user account with us in which we save your personal data. This is in order to provide you with the greatest possible comfort through easier, faster and more personal experiences on our website.

If you would like to set up a password-protected user account with us, we need the following information from you:

- a valid email address,
- your first and last name.

In addition, you have to enter a password of your choice. Together with your email address this provides access to your user account. In your user account you may view and change the data referring to you and stored with us at any time.

The data are processed upon your query and under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. b GDPR are required for the stated purposes of fulfilling the contract and pre-contractual measures. After your user account is deleted, your personal data are automatically

deleted, unless we are obliged to longer storage under Article 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. c GDPR due to tax- and commercial-law retention and documentation duties or you have consented to a prolonged period under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. a GDPR.

c) When using our contact form

You may get in touch with us via a form available in the website contact information. This requires providing a valid email address, your first and last name.

The data for the purpose of contacting us are processed under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f GDPR on the basis of our legitimate interests.

d) When using our communication and messaging tool

In so far as you have declared express consent under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. a GDPR, we will use your email address to send you messages. Providing an email address is sufficient for receiving these messages.

Such messages are fundamental for the participation in a challenge, we will ask you to provide the following information:

- a valid email address,
- your first name.

We send our messages via the service of

Sendinblue of Sendinblue GmbH, Köpenicker Straße 126, 10179 Berlin, Germany („Sendinblue“).

- OR - our own messaging tool.

The email addresses of our message recipients are stored on our behalf on the servers of Sendinblue which are located in Germany.

- OR - our own server.

Sendinblue uses this information to send the messages on our behalf. We entered into a data processing agreement with Sendinblue. By this agreement, Sendinblue assures that it processes the data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and assures the protection of the data subject's rights.

The data processing of these voluntarily given information is based on our legitimate interests under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f GDPR. Our legitimate interest follows from the above purposes for the data collection.

3. Transfer of data to third parties

Your personal data will not be transferred to third parties for purposes other than those specified below.

a) For execution of the contract

Insofar as permitted by law and in accordance with Art. 6 Para. 1 sentence 1 lit. b DSGVO is required for the settlement of the contractual relationship with you, your personal data will be passed on to third parties. This includes, in particular, payment service providers.

The transferred data may be used by the third party solely for the purpose of their disclosure.

b) For other purposes

Apart from that we will only transfer your personal data to third parties, if:

you have expressly given your consent pursuant to Art. 6 Para. 1 S. 1 lit. a GDPR; in cases where transfer of your data is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation pursuant to 6 Para. 1 S. 1 lit. c GDPR; this is necessary for the protection of the Controller's legitimate interests or those of a third party (Art. 6 Para. 1 lit. f GDPR). The data processing is necessary in particular for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims and where there seems to be no reason to assume that you have an overriding and legitimate interest in preventing the transfer of your data.

c) For processing your requests via the contact form

If you make use of our customer helpdesk via our website your data entered into the contact form are transferred to Freshworks GmbH, Neue Grünstraße 17, 10179 Berlin, Germany. („Freshworks“).

Freshworks assures that your personal data is fully protected against unauthorized access. Freshworks will not use your data to contact you for its own purposes or for transferring them to third parties.

Freshworks complies with the privacy policy of the General Data Protection Regulation.

4. Cookie Policy

We use cookies on our website. These are small files that your browser automatically creates and saves on your end device (laptop, tablet, smartphone or suchlike) when you visit our website. Cookies do not cause any harm to your computer and do not contain any viruses, trojans or other malware.

The cookie stores information which arises in conjunction with the specifically used end device. This does not mean, however, that this gives us direct knowledge of your identity.

Cookies are used on the one hand so that we can make the use of our offerings more pleasant for you. Therefore, we use session cookies to recognise that you have already visited individual pages on our website. These are automatically deleted after you leave our website.

In addition, we use temporary cookies saved on your end device for a certain defined period to optimise user friendliness. If you visit our website again to use our services, it is automatically recognised that you were already here before and which entries and settings you made so that you do not have to repeat them.

All cookies we use are required for the essential maintenance of the website.

The data processed by cookies are required for the stated purposes to protect our legitimate interests and also of third parties under Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f GDPR.

Most browsers accept cookies automatically. You can configure your browser, however, so that no cookies are saved on your computer or a message always appears before a new cookie is created. Complete deactivation of cookies can, however, lead to you not being able to use all the functions of our website.

5. Analytical tools

We use the tracking and targeting measures of the following service providers which are carried out on the basis of Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f GDPR:

- - Sendinblue GmbH („Sendinblue“) -
- - Freshworks GmbH („Freshworks“) -

The primary purpose of the usage of Sendinblue and Freshworks is described in Abstract 2. d) and 3. c) of this Privacy Policy.

With the deployed tracking measures we want to ensure an appropriate design and continuous optimisation of our website. On the other hand, we use tracking measures to compile statistics on the use of our website and to evaluate the optimisation of our offerings for you.

Via the deployed targeting measures we want to ensure that you only see advertising tailored to your actual or presumed interests on your end devices.

These interests are to be considered as justified within the meaning of the aforementioned regulation.

The pertinent data processing purposes and data categories can be found in the corresponding tracking and targeting tools.

In addition, we use - Google Analytics -, a web analytics service provided by Google LLC. (1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA; hereinafter “Google”) for the purpose of creating a website experience tailored to users’ needs and continuing optimisation of our website. In this context, pseudonymised user profiles are created and cookies (see point Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.) are used. The information generated through the use of cookies about your usage of this website such as

- web browser type/version,
- operating system used,
- referrer URL (the previously visited website),
- host name of the accessing computer (IP address),
- time of server request

are transmitted to and stored on a server belonging to Google in the USA. Google is subject to the EU-US Privacy Shield so that an adequate level of data privacy is ensured.

The information will be used 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 for the purposes of market research and ensuring an internet experience tailored to users' needs. Furthermore, this information may be transferred to third parties to the extent that this may be legally required or those third parties process these data on our behalf. Under no circumstances will your IP address be associated with any other data held by Google. The IP addresses will be anonymised so that attribution is not possible (IP masking).

You can block the installation of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings in your web browser software; however, please note that if you do so, you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website.

You can also block the collection of the data generated by the cookie and relating to your usage of our website (including your IP address) and the processing of such data by Google by downloading and installing a [web browser add-on](#).

As an alternative to the web browser add-on, in particular for web browsers installed on mobile end devices, you can also block tracking by Google Analytics. An opt-out cookie is created which prevents the tracking of your data when you visit this website in the future. The opt-out cookie applies only to the web browser you are using and only to this website and will be stored on your end device. If you delete the cookies on this web browser, you will have to set another opt-out cookie.

More information on data privacy in relation to Google Analytics can be found on the [Google Analytics Help page](#).

Lastly, servers keep the records of traffic and requests coming to our site. This is called - Log data -. Log data is the information recorded by our web server about when, how, and which visitors are using our website. Web server providers collect the following information about you:

- IP address and device identifier: This is the unique identifying address broadcasted by the browser or device by which you are accessing our online platform.
- Request date/time: The specific date and time of each action taken by you.

- **Page requested:** Each page or interface that you access and how long you spend on each page.
- **Bytes served:** How much information is transferred during your activity.
- **User agent:** Commonly, your web browser or operating system which transfers necessary information to the web server in order to serve your needs.
- **Referrer:** The previous location that you were at before you referred to our website or app, such as a search engine or exterior website link.
- **Error logs:** Information regarding any errors or functionality problems experienced by you.

Once the log data has been collected, it will be organized by type so that the web server knows how to use the information. Log data may be organized according to its potential usefulness in categorical logs such as error logs, access logs, and server logs. The log data will be deleted after 1 month.

6. Data subject rights

You have the right:

- pursuant to Art. 15 GDPR to demand information about your personal data we process. In particular, you can demand information about the purposes of the processing, the category of the personal data, the categories of recipients to whom your data were or will be disclosed, the planned storage period, the existence of a right to rectification, deletion, restriction or revocation of processing, the existence a right to lodge a complaint, the origin of your data, in so far as not collected by us, and also about the existence of automated decision-making including profiling and where appropriate meaningful information about to details thereof;
- pursuant to Art. 16 GDPR to demand immediate rectification of inaccurate or completion of your personal data saved with us;
- pursuant to Art. 17 GDPR to demand deletion of your personal data saved with us, in so far as the processing is not required for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information, to comply with a legal obligation, for reasons of public interest or to establish, exercise or defend legal claims;
- pursuant to Art. 18 GDPR to demand restriction of processing of your personal data, in so far as you contest the accuracy of the data, the processing is unlawful but you

oppose deletion and we no longer need the data but you do to establish, exercise or defend legal claims or you have objected to processing pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR;

- pursuant to Art. 20 GDPR to receive your personal data you have provided us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format or to demand transmission to another controller;
- pursuant to Art. 7 Subs. 3 GDPR to withdraw your consent to us at any time. This means that we may no longer continue processing the data based on that consent for the future and
- pursuant to Art. 77 GDPR to lodge a complaint to a supervisory authority. As a rule, you can contact the supervisory authority for your habitual residence or place of work or our registered offices.

7. Right to object

In so far as your personal data are processed on the basis of legitimate interests pursuant to Art. 6 Subs. 1 Sentence 1 lit. f GDPR, you have the right, pursuant to Art. 21 GDPR, to object to the processing of your personal data, in so far as there are grounds arising from your particular situation or it relates to objection to direct advertising. In the latter case, you have a general right to object which we shall heed without the stating of a particular situation.

If you want to exercise your right to object, simply send an email to dataprotection@welcometogate.com.

8. Data Security

All the data you personally transfer will be sent encrypted with the customary and secure SSL standard (Secure Socket Layer). SSL is a secure and proven standard, which is also used for online banking, for example.

We also use suitable technical and organisational security measures to protect your data against accidental or intentional manipulation, partial or complete loss, destruction or against unauthorised access by third parties. Our security measures are continually monitored and improved to reflect technological developments.

9. Actuality of and changes to this Data Protection Policy

This Data Protection Policy is the latest version and was last amended as of November 2021.

The further development of our website and offers on it or changes in statutory or public-authority requirements may render it necessary to amend this Data Protection Policy. The latest version of Data Protection Policy can be downloaded and printed out at any time from the website under: welcometogate.com.

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