

Data protection information for the *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop on the REACH Revision: (How) Can Chemical Pollution, Competitiveness, and New Approach Methodologies Be Aligned?*

With the following data protection information, we would like to explain which data is processed in connection with the *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop on the REACH Revision: (How) Can Chemical Pollution, Competitiveness, and New Approach Methodologies Be Aligned?* (hereinafter: *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop*) by the UFZ, for which purposes and on which legal basis this is done. You will also find information about contact persons and your rights in connection with data processing.

The workshop takes place in Brussels, Belgium (address: European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi), Rue du Trône 98, Brussels) at the 10 April 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm.

1. Contact details of the data controller

The data controller in charge of data processing directly related to the *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop* is:

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2. Contact details of the Data Protection Officer at the UFZ

The Data Protection Officer
Permoserstrasse 15, 04318 Leipzig, Germany
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email: datenschutz@ufz.de

3. Description and scope of the data processing

The UFZ collects, processes and uses the following personal data that you provide to us in the context of the *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop*:

- First and last name,
- E-mail address,
- Organisation,
- Audio recordings of the spoken word of the participants.

4. Purpose of the data processing

The UFZ processes your personal data for the purpose of carrying out the *Helmholtz Stakeholder Workshop*, in particular for:

- Provision of documents and contact,
- Conducting a scientific study (content and discourse analysis) and resulting publications (the personal data is pseudonymised in the publications, see point 6).

5. Legal basis for the data processing

The processing is based on your consent within the meaning of Article 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR in order to enable you to participate in the interview.

6. Storage period

The data is deleted by default when storage is no longer necessary (when the purpose has been achieved), unless legal retention periods require further storage. If there are legal retention periods, only the data that is absolutely necessary for retention will be processed or stored. The audio recordings of the interview are transcribed in pseudonymised form using the transcription mode of the MAXQDA 24 coding software. Once the transcription is complete, the audio recordings are deleted. The data will be deleted as of 31 December 2025, as the analysis will be completed by then.

7. Processing on behalf of UFZ

The company HIFIS processes your personal data (first and last name, e-mail address, organisation) on behalf of the UFZ and is therefore a processor of the UFZ in the sense of Article 28 GDPR. The processing is governed by a contract with the processor.

8. Data processing outside the EU / EEA

Your personal data will be processed only in Germany. No data processing is carried out outside the EU or the European Economic Area.

9. Your rights as a data subject

As a result of the processing of your personal data, you as a data subject have the following rights, provided the respective conditions are met:

- The right to withdraw the consent (Article 7 para. 3 sentence 1 GDPR)
- The right to obtain confirmation whether your personal data is being processed and to receive information about the data processed, further information about data processing and to be provided with copies of the data (Article 15 GDPR)
- The right to correct or complete incorrect or incomplete data (Article 16 GDPR)
- The right to have your personal data deleted without delay if, for example, the purpose of the processing has been fulfilled or your personal data has been processed unlawfully (Article 17 GDPR)
- The right to restrict processing, e.g. if you dispute the accuracy of your personal data or if processing is unlawful (Article 18 GDPR)
- The right to data transferability provided that the processing is based on Article 6 para. 1 lit. a) GDPR or Article 9 para. 2 lit. a) GDPR or on a contract pursuant to Article 6 para. 1 lit. b) GDPR and there is no exception (Article 20 GDPR)
- The right to object to the future processing of your personal data, provided that the data is processed in accordance with Article. 6 para. 1 lit. e) or f) GDPR (Article 21 GDPR)

10. Right of appeal to the supervisory authority

If you assume that the processing of your personal data by the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ violates the provisions of the GDPR, you have the right to complain to a supervisory authority (Article 77 GDPR). The supervisory authority competent for the UFZ is:

The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information
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