

Privacy Policy



Futuress takes the protection of your privacy seriously. The following privacy policy details which of your personal data we process if you visit our website futuress.org, use our online services, or if we provide any services to you generally.

This privacy policy is aligned with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Although the GDPR is a regulation for the European Union, it is also important for us as a Switzerland-based entity. The Swiss Federal Data Protection Act (FADP) is heavily influenced by EU law. Since we also provide some of our services to customers outside of Switzerland, we follow the EU standard. We are not permitted to use your data for any purposes other than those stated here or permitted by law.

1. Responsible person

Unless otherwise stated in individual cases, Futuress and its owner common-interest is responsible for the forms of data processing described here. If you have any queries about your personal data, you can contact us as via mail@futuress.org

2. Your Consent

Using this site implies your consent to this Privacy Policy.

3. We do not forward your personal data

We will not forward your data to third parties. All Futuress and common-interest employees who handle your data are obliged to comply with data protection regulations.

4. Use of data

We will not misuse any data that you provide to us about yourself. In order to send you a newsletter you are subscribed to, respond to your queries, process your donations, or sign you up for a workshop, we require some information from you. We will use the information that you provide via a form on the website or by other means to achieve these ends and process the resulting communication. If you make a donation via our website or sign-up to a workshop, we will notify you about some of Futuress ongoing projects and latest stories via our weekly newsletter.

While our website doesn't use any cookies yet, just like any online provider, we may collect user data in order to optimize our service in the near future. We collect and store information in such a way that it is not personally identifiable. We therefore cannot check which user has accessed which data. In particular, we do not collect any names, postal addresses, telephone numbers or email addresses when you visit our website, nor any details about your personal interests or donations.

If you have given us consent to process your personal data for particular purposes (for example, when you subscribe to newsletters), we will process your personal data on the basis of this consent. You can revoke your consent at any time.

We process personal data for fundraising insofar as it is permitted and appears to us to be appropriate.

5. Right to rectification, blocking, and to be informed

Within the scope of the data protection legislation applicable to you and in so far as this legislation provides (as in the case of the GDPR, for instance), you have the right to rectification and erasure, as well as the right to restrict data processing, object to our data processing, and publish certain personal data for the purpose of transferring it to another authority (known as data portability). Please note, however, that we reserve the right to enforce the legally prescribed restrictions, for example if we are obliged to store or process your data or need it to assert claims. We have already explained the option of revoking your consent in the "Use of data" section.

If you send a written request to Futuress, we will inform you about the data we have stored about you. When requesting this data, please send us your full name, email

address, and a copy of an official identification document (ID card, passport). This is necessary to prevent any unauthorised persons gaining access to your data. You may exercise the rights indicated above with regard to the data stored about you.

Furthermore, every data subject is entitled to assert their claims in court or file a complaint with the competent data protection authority. The competent data protection authority in Switzerland is the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (<http://www.edoeb.admin.ch/edoeb/en/home.html>).

6. Use of cookies

Our website currently doesn't use any cookies. However, we occasionally use Google Analytics or similar services on our website. This is a service provided by third parties that may be located in any country in the world (in the case of Google Analytics, it is Google LLC in the USA, www.google.com), which allows us to measure and evaluate the use of the website (in such a way that it is not personally identifiable). The service provider will not receive any personal data from us or retain any IP addresses. It may, however, track your use of the website, combine this information with data from other websites you have visited that are also tracked by the service provider, and use these findings for its own purposes (for example, managing advertising). If you have registered with the service provider yourself, it will also know you. In this case, the service provider is responsible for processing your personal data in accordance with its own data protection provisions. The service provider will only tell us how our respective website is being used. We will not receive any information that identifies you personally.

7. Elements from other providers on our website

We use services from other providers on our websites and mobile applications. For example, videos are embedded via the YouTube platform. Content may be shared or recommended via Facebook and Twitter. Clicking an element from one of these third party providers (e.g. the "Share" plug-in from Facebook), may automatically connect you to this third-party provider's servers. Data relating to your visit to the website may then be transferred to the third-party provider and possibly associated with the user account you have created with them. You can find out how these platforms collect and use data in their respective privacy policies, where you will also be given the option to adjust the settings to restrict the use of your personal data.

8. Liability for links

We also place links on our website to information sources or external projects and services that we think you might like. Of course, we only provide links to pages that did not appear to contain any misleading or illegal content when the link was created. We have no control over the way these pages will be set up in future, however. We cannot therefore be held responsible for recommended pages that have been changed after the link was created. Liability for illegal, incorrect or incomplete content and, in particular, for any damage or loss suffered as a result of using this information lies solely with the provider of the page in question.

9. Donating online

On our website, you can easily and securely make a donation or process a payment online using debit or credit cards via a third party service called Givebutter. The privacy policy of the company Givebutter can be found here: <https://givebutter.com/privacy>

10. Newsletter

If you subscribe to one of the newsletters we offer, we will use your data exclusively to send our newsletter as it is defined when you subscribe. You subscribe to newsletters via what is known as a double opt-in procedure. After subscribing, you will receive an email prompting you to confirm your subscription. This confirmation is necessary to prevent anybody from subscribing with unauthorised email addresses. Subscriptions or changes to newsletter subscriptions are recorded and are therefore traceable.

We may use your newsletter data to communicate general statistics about the reach of our mailing list to potential partners or sponsors. Beyond that, we will treat your newsletter data as strictly confidential and will not forward or sell it to third parties.

Newsletters are sent using Mailchimp. The data privacy of Mailchimp can be found here: <https://mailchimp.com/legal/privacy/>

11. Retention period for personal data

We process and store your personal data for the duration of the business relationship and in accordance with the statutory retention and documentation requirements. Data may therefore be retained for the period in which claims can be asserted against our company (including, in particular, during the statutory limitation period) and to the extent that we are otherwise required to do so by law or it is required by legitimate business

interests (for example for evidence or documentation purposes). As soon as your personal data is no longer required for the aforementioned purposes, it will be deactivated and will no longer be used. For operational data (for example system records, logs), shorter retention periods of up to twelve months apply as a basic principle.

12. Obligation to provide personal data

As part of our business relationships in the form of workshop participation, freelance commissions, partnerships, sponsorships, or white label services, you will be invited to provide the personal data that is required to enter into and conduct a business relationship and fulfil the associated contractual obligations. Generally speaking, you are not legally required to provide data to us, however, without this data, we will usually be unable to conclude or process a contract with you (or the body or person you are representing).

13. Changes

We may adjust this privacy policy at any time without giving notice. The current version published on our website shall apply.