

## **Information about data protection in the research project "PARFORM – Partnerships and Friendships in Germany" of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) at the University of Mannheim**

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### **Data processing in the research project**

The data processing in the research project "PARFORM – Partnerships and Friendships in Germany" includes the use of the survey data, the address data for the purpose of invitations to follow-up surveys as well as for sending the participation fee, the use of the address data to enrich the survey data with contextual and regional information, the coding of individual survey information, and the publication of the anonymized data in repositories.

### **First contact**

The study is in the public interest. The implementation of scientific research projects is one of the public tasks of the University of Mannheim according to §2 paragraph 1 of the State University Law of Baden-Württemberg. Your address was transmitted to the University of Mannheim by your municipality on the basis of §34 of the Federal Registration Act. Your address was selected purely at random from all residents born between 1984 and 2002 from your municipality's registration register for participation.

### **Categories of processed data**

In the course of the survey and further processing (sending the participation fee, publications in repositories and invitations to follow-up surveys), both general personal data is collected, such as master data (e.g. age or gender), name, relationship status, etc. as well as special personal data that provides information about your ethnic origin, religious beliefs, or state of health. In addition to the data that is obviously collected for you in the questionnaire, further metadata is collected during the survey. In the case of telephone or online participation, this includes the date and time, the duration of the survey, interruptions, and discontinuations. In

addition, when you participate online, information about the browser and device you are using is also stored.

### **Purpose of data processing and consequences of failure to provide personal data**

At the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research at the University of Mannheim, the study "PARFORM – Partnerships and Friendships in Germany" examines the living conditions of young adults with refugee experience in Germany and how they change over time.

To this end, the selected study participants answer questions in personal interviews on the topics of friendship and partnership, education and career, future plans, and attitudes. This information is required for the implementation of the study "PARFORM – Partnerships and Friendships in Germany"; without this information, participation in the research project is not possible. There are no disadvantages in the event of non-participation.

As a thank you, the respondents will receive €10 for participating in an online interview and €20 for participating in a personal interview in the form of a cash payment or an Amazon voucher. For this purpose, the respondents are asked for their name and contact details (postal address, e-mail address, telephone number) after the survey. This information is required to provide the participation fee and contact the respondents in the future for further information on the study and the further survey.

After completion of the project, the survey data will be made available to researchers by scientific research institutes in anonymized form for non-commercial research projects in the social sciences. For this purpose, the data are archived in the Data Archive for the Social Sciences (DAS) at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Cologne.

### **Legal basis**

Implementation of the research project, sending of the remuneration, publication in repositories, and invitations to follow-up surveys

Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a, 9 para. 2 lit. a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); for sending the remuneration Art. 6 para. 1 lit. c in conjunction with §§ 70, 75 of the State Budget Code.

### **Recipients**

The infas Institut für angewandte Sozialwissenschaft GmbH, Friedrich-Wilhelm-Str. 18 53113 Bonn, Germany, conducts part of the interviews with the participants on our behalf. An order processing agreement has been concluded.

The data collected as part of the survey will be pseudonymized for the duration of the project. This means that the data will not contain names, but a participant ID assigned by us, from which it is not possible for third parties to draw any conclusions about the identity of the respondents.

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In order to send your participation remuneration, we ask for your name and address. This data will only be used for the purpose of mailing/remuneration without further information and will be deleted after 6 years.

The GESS Q. program is used to collect survey data in face-to-face interviews. The Unipark program of Tivian XI GmbH (Cologne) is used for the online survey.

### **Duration of storage**

A personal reference of the survey data can only be established through the contact data in combination with the participant ID. The participant ID and contact details will be deleted after the project is completed in 2026.

Your first name, last name, and address are excluded, which are stored with the budget documents for at least 6 years for budgetary reasons.

If you have consented to us contacting you for follow-up surveys and/or information on the study, deletion will take place in the case of revocation or if an e-mail is permanently undeliverable. Otherwise, the data will be deleted no later than the completion of the project in 2026.

### **Your rights**

You have the right to receive information from the University of Mannheim about the data stored about you and/or to have incorrectly stored data corrected.

You also have the right to deletion or restriction of processing, a right to data portability, and a right to object processing.

In addition, in the event that you have given your consent, including to other optional uses, you have the right to revoke your consent(s) at any time, whereby the lawfulness of the processing carried out on the basis of the consent(s) until the revocation is not affected.

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You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority if you believe that the processing of personal data concerning you violates the law.

The supervisory authority in Baden-Württemberg is the State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information Baden-Württemberg (Landesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz und die Informationsfreiheit Baden-Württemberg).