

Privacy Statement

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Name of the Service

NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy

Description of the Service

The NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy is one of the components of the Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure (AAI) of the German National Research Data Infrastructure NFDI (Nationale Forschungsdateninfrastruktur). This Proxy is used as a central hub for connecting NFDI Services that address cross-community use cases to the NFDI-AAI, in order to make those services available to users from the entire NFDI. It brings together user information from different Virtual Organisations that are managed by the NFDI Research Communities by means of so-called Community AAI's. Furthermore, the Infrastructure Proxy acts as a connector of the NFDI-AAI to the European Open Science Cloud, EOSC.

Data Controller and Third parties to whom personal data is disclosed

The NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy is provided and operated by Verein zur Förderung eines Deutschen Forschungsnetzes e.V. (DFN-Verein), Alexanderplatz 1, 10178 Berlin, email: dfn@dfn.de, phone: +4930 884299 0, as data processor pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679, i.e. the General Data Protection Regulation (GDP), Art. 28, and DFN-CERT Services GmbH, as a sub-processor, on behalf of the operators of the services connected to this proxy, as data controllers.

For the list of connected services and their operators, i.e. the Data Controllers, please refer to <https://doc.nfdi-aai.de/infraproxy/#nfdi-infrastruktur-proxy-connected-services>.

Purpose of the processing of personal data

The NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy enables users of the German National Research Data Infrastructure NFDI (e.g. employees, students, and guests at participating institutions) to access services and other resources that are connected to the NFDI Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure (NFDI-AAI) via this Infrastructure Proxy.

The names and email addresses of the users, as well as any identifiers, resource capabilities, group memberships and roles within the respective home institution and/or research community, are forwarded to the connected services. In addition, further identifiers are generated for the users depending on the requirements of the connected services.

For the list of the Privacy Statements of the connected services, please refer to <https://doc.nfdi-aai.de/infraproxy/#nfdi-infrastruktur-proxy-connected-services>.

Log files are created when the associated website is used and are evaluated by authorised personnel in the event of a security incident. The log files contain information about when content was accessed, how much data was transferred, whether the access was successful, which browser type was used (if transmitted by the client), the IP address and the referrer.

The purpose of data storage is to ensure the smooth provision of the 'NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy' service and to prevent misuse. This is also in the legitimate interest of the DFN-Verein. The legal basis is

Art. 6 (1) lit. f GDPR. Access to the data is restricted to employees of the DFN-Verein's office and DFN-CERT Services GmbH who are responsible for providing the service.

In the event of a security incident, DFN-CERT Service GmbH will, if necessary, carry out IT forensics and, if applicable, log evaluation for supporting network services Domain Name System and Network Time Protocol on behalf of the DFN-Verein. It is also possible to involve the incident response team in security issues and incidents.

Information on the use of cookies

Cookies are only set if users allow this in their browser settings and if this is necessary for the use of the website. Only session cookies are used, which do not contain any personal data. They serve to clearly assign the requests of several users logged in at the same time and to store some of the configuration options selected by users. They are automatically deleted when the browser is closed. Without accepting session cookies, it is not possible to use the website.

Personal data transfer to Third Countries (where GDPR does not apply)

Neither DFN-Verein nor its sub-processor DFN-CERT Services GmbH as operators of the NFDI-AAI Infrastructure Proxy transfer personal data to Third Countries. As for the connected services, please refer to their respective Privacy Statements, see above.

Storage period

The log files mentioned above will be deleted after 31 calendar days at the latest. As for the connected services, please refer to their respective Privacy Statements, see above.

Rights and how to exercise them

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 12-23) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR), in particular the right to access your personal data, and, to rectify them, in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability, and the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning you or similarly significantly affects you.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the respective Data Controller(s), or, in case of conflict, the Data Protection Officer(s). Please refer to the Privacy Statements of the connected services, see above.

Withdrawal of consent

Only applicable where the processing is based on point (a) of Article 6(1) or point (a) of Article 9(2): the existence of the right to withdraw consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal. Please refer to the Privacy Statements of the connected services, see above.

Data portability

Only applicable if the processing is based on consent pursuant to point (a) of Article 6(1) or point (a) of Article 9(2) or on a contract pursuant to point (b) of Article 6(1) and the processing is carried out by automated means. Please refer to the Privacy Statements of the connected services, see above.

Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority

Every data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority if the data subject considers that the processing of personal data relating to him or her infringes the GDPR. For the supervisory authority responsible for the respective controller please refer to the Privacy Statements of the connected services, see above.

Data Controller's data protection officer or contact person

Please refer to the Privacy Statements of the connected services, see above.