

# Data Protection Information

## - Coatings Societies International (CSI) -

The following pertains to the use of this website. As the party responsible for data processing (controller), we process your personal data collected via our website and store them for the period necessary to achieve the specified purposes and to comply with statutory requirements. In the following, we inform you about the data we collect and the way we process them. Furthermore, we inform you about your data privacy rights pertaining to the use of this website.

Personal data, as defined by Article 4(1) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) includes any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

### 1. Name and contact information of the person responsible for data processing (controller) and of the corporate Data Protection Officer

This data protection information shall apply to the processing of data on our Institute's website [www.csi-coatings.org](http://www.csi-coatings.org) by the controller, the:

Forschungsgesellschaft für Pigmente und Lacke e.V.

Allmandring 37,  
70569 Stuttgart (Germany)

(in the following referred to as 'FPL')

Email: [president@csi-coatings.org](mailto:president@csi-coatings.org)  
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## Processing of Personal Data and Purposes of Data Processing

### • During your Website Visit

Every time you visit our web pages, our website servers save your device's accessing our website in a protocol file. This storage is temporary; our website server saves the following access data until their automated deletion:

- The IP address of the requesting device
- The browser and operating system used
- The referring website (referrer URL)

These data are processed for the following purposes:

- To enable the use of the website (connection setup)

Legal foundations for the above processing purposes:

- Processing in response to a website visit pursuant to numbers 1-2 the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (b) (requirement for compliance with provisions of the website user contract)

- Processing pursuant to number 3, the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (c) GDPR (legal obligation to implement technical and organisational measures to ensure secure data processing pursuant to Article 32 GDPR) and the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (f) GDPR (legitimate interests in data processing for the network and information security) as well as
  - Data processing pursuant to numbers 4 – 5, the first sentence of Article 6(1), lit. f GDPR (legitimate interests). Our legitimate interests in the processing of data are based on our desire to offer user-friendly optimised web pages.
- **Visitor Registration for Events**

We invite web visitors on a regular basis to different kinds of events. Our website visitors are able to register online.

In order to register online, our website's visitors have to provide some mandatory data. These data include

- First and last name
- Address
- Email address
- Data for payments, depending on your chosen payment method (credit card, bank account, ...). This is valid for events with participation fee.

Should we request additional mandatory data, we will specifically identify them (using an \* for example). In addition, our website's users often have the opportunity to volunteer additional information.

We process the mandatory data to identify you as event participant and to reserve a place for you. In addition, we conclude and perform the participation contract with you and provide you with information before, during and after the event to ensure that you enjoy your participation and that the event proceeds as smoothly as planned. The voluntary data help us to plan and organise our events in tune with your interests and age.

It might be necessary to request your payment data in order to collect a participation fee.

We collect the data in response to the enquiries of interested participants. Pursuant to the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (b) GDPR, data collection for the purposes mentioned is necessary for the performance of the participation contract and in order to take steps prior to entering into the participation contract.

• **Use of Contact Forms**

We offer our website's visitors the opportunity to contact us via a form on our website. To enable you to communicate with us via this form, we request the following data:

- Title
- First and last name
- Email address

We need these data to find out who contacted us and to process the user request.

We process the data in response to your enquiry. Our purpose is to answer your inquiry for the purposes of our legitimate interests pursuant to the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (f) GDPR.

## 2. Cookies

We use server-side cookies. Cookies are small files which are automatically created by your browser and stored in your device (PC, laptop, tablet, smartphone or similar device) once you visit our website. Cookies do not harm your computer, and they do not contain viruses, Trojans or other malware.

Cookies contain information pertaining to the specific device, which accessed our website. However, this does not provide us with direct knowledge of your identity.

One reason for us to use cookies is to make the use of our website more convenient for you. We use session cookies to allow session controls such as controls for inserting data into forms or saving shopping carts. At the latest, session cookies are deleted when you close your browser.

We also use temporary cookies to optimise the user-friendliness of our website. Your device stores these cookies temporarily for a specific time. Once you visit our website again, our server will recognise your device as prior visitor and remember your settings and preferences. You will not have to enter these parameters again.

We also use cookies to gather data for our website statistics. This helps us evaluate and optimise our web offering (see Section 5). These cookies allow us to recognise repeat visits from your device. They will be deleted automatically after a specific time.

The data obtained with the help of cookies help us pursue our legitimate interests as website owners and serve the legitimate interests of third parties pursuant to the first sentence of Article 6(1), point (f) GDPR.

Most browsers accept cookies automatically. However, you are able to configure your browser in such a way that the application does not store cookies on your computer or always shows an alert before storing new cookies. However, the complete deactivation of cookies may prevent you from using all of the functions on our website.

## 3. Your Rights as Data Subject

You have the following rights:

- Pursuant to Article 7(3) GDPR, you have the right to withdraw at any time any consent you may have given to us before. Consequently, we may no longer continue the respective activity.
- Pursuant to Article 15 GDPR, you have the right to obtain information on your personal data which we have processed. In particular, you have the right to information on the following:
  - Purposes of the data processing
  - The category of personal data,
  - The categories of recipients to which we disclosed or will disclose your data,
  - The planned storage periods of data,
  - The existence of the right to correction, deletion, restriction of processing and objection,
  - The right to appeal,
  - The right to know the origin of your data in the event that we did not collect these data,
  - The right to meaningful and detailed information on the existence of automated decision-making including profiling and, if applicable, relevant information on the details thereof;
- Pursuant to Article 16 GDPR, you have the right to obtain without undue delay the rectification of inaccurate personal data and/or the completion of incomplete personal data in storage at the FPL e.V.,

- Pursuant to Article 17 GDPR, you have the right to the erasure of your personal data unless the erasure interferes with the execution of the right to the free expression of opinions and to information, with the compliance with legal obligations, is necessary in the public interest or for establishing, exercising or defending legal claims,
- Pursuant to Article 18 GDPR, you have the right to restriction of processing of your personal data if you contest or challenge the accuracy of these data, the processing of the data is unlawful but you oppose the erasure of these data and we no longer need the data while you still need the data to establish, exercise or defend legal claims or you have raised an objection against the data processing pursuant to Article 21 GDPR,
- Pursuant to Article 20 GDPR, you have the right to receive the personal data concerning you in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format or to demand the transmit to another controller and
- Pursuant to Article 77 GDPR, you have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority. As a rule, you may find such authority at your habitual residence, your workplace or our company domicile.

#### **Information on your right to object pursuant to Article 21 GDPR**

You have the right to object at any time, on grounds relating to your particular situation, to the processing of your personal data pursuant to Article 6(1), point (f) GDPR (data processing for the purposes of the legitimate interests) and Article 6,(1), point (e) GDPR (data processing for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest). This shall also apply to profiling as prescribed by Article 4 No. 4 GDPR, which is based on this provision.

Once you file an objection, we will no longer process your personal data unless we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for processing which override your interests, rights and freedoms, or unless the processing serves the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

To the extent that your objection addresses the processing of data for direct advertising, we will stop the processing immediately. In this case, citing a special situation is not required. This shall also apply to profiling in as far as it relates to such direct advertising.

If you would like to assert your right to object, an email to [president@csi-coatings.org](mailto:president@csi-coatings.org) or [info@csi-coatings.org](mailto:info@csi-coatings.org) will suffice.

#### **4. Severability**

Should individual provisions of this data protection declaration be or become invalid either in part or in their entirety or prove infeasible at any time, this shall not affect the remaining provisions. This shall apply accordingly to gaps in this declaration.