



STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE MATCH'IN PROJECT

First name, last name	Date of birth
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1. Participation

With your signature, you declare that you voluntarily participate in the 'Match'in pilot project for the distribution of asylum seekers with the help of an algorithm-based matching procedure' in the event of distribution. As part of the project, an algorithm is used to determine the most suitable municipality for you from the participating municipalities in Hesse/Lower Saxony/North Rhine-Westphalia/Rhineland-Palatinate. Taking this **proposal** and other criteria into account, a decision is made by a processing clerk of the Regional Council of Darmstadt/the State Admissions Authority of Lower Saxony/the District Government of Arnsberg/the Supervisory and Service Directorate of Rhineland-Palatinate to allocate people to a Hessian/Lower Saxony/North Rhine-Westphalian/Rhineland-Palatinate municipality. This does not have to be the municipality proposed by the algorithm, nor does it have to be a municipality participating in the Match'in project in general. This decision is binding, i.e. a subsequent change is only feasible by means of a redistribution request in accordance with the applicable legal regulations.

2. Data collection

As part of the project, personal data will be collected to carry out the matching process. The data collected (by the Regional Council of Giessen) is used by the Regional Council of Darmstadt/by the State Admissions Authority of Lower Saxony/by the District Government of Arnsberg/by the Supervisory and Service Directorate of Rhineland-Palatinate exclusively for the purpose of making a decision on distribution and allocation and is stored only for this purpose. Storage and use for other purposes is excluded. After the end of the period for bringing an action against the allocation decision, the data is deleted or anonymised for research purposes. The anonymised data is stored internally by the University of Hildesheim for a period of 15 years. It is only shared with members of the project team. After the project has ended, it may only be used as part of follow-up projects of the participating research groups (Migration Policy Research Group (MPRG) and Software Systems Engineering (SSE) working group at the University of Hildesheim and the Migration, Flight and Integration Research Area (MFI) at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg).

3. Accompanying scientific research

In addition to being used for matching, the data collected is also used by project teams at universities for accompanying scientific research purposes. For scientific research, the collected data is used in anonymous form, i.e. there is no reference to persons' names, dates of birth or identification numbers. The data is also used in our publications in a form that renders it untraceable to any single individual.

As part of the accompanying scientific research, after moving, we will ask you at two specific points in time to give us feedback on how you felt about your participation in the project and whether you are happy about the municipality to which you were allocated. The first survey takes place immediately after you have moved to your new place of residence. The second survey takes place after you have been living there for a few months. Participation in the surveys is voluntary.

If you participate in the surveys for accompanying scientific research, you will need to provide us with your contact details (telephone number, email address). These personal contact details are kept separate from other data and cannot be accessed by third parties. This data is deleted after the accompanying scientific research has been completed.

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Legal basis for data protection:

We process the personal data collected from you on the basis of your consent in accordance with Art. 6 (1)(a) GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). Insofar as specific categories of personal data are affected (this includes, for example, health data or your religious beliefs), we process the personal data collected from you on the basis of your consent in accordance with Art. 9 (2)(a) GDPR.

Your rights

Your consent is voluntary. You can refuse consent without any disadvantages, such as in your asylum procedure or other official decisions. If you do not consent, you will be allocated according to the regular procedure.

You can revoke your consent at any time to the Regional Council of Giessen or the Regional Council of Darmstadt/the State Admissions Authority of Lower Saxony/the Weberhaus Nieheim or the District Government of Detmold/the Diakonisches Werk organisation. Please contact the persons who carry out the Match'in project survey. Your personal data will cease to be processed from this revocation.

However, your revocation does not affect the legality of the data processing before your revocation. This data processing is considered legal on the basis of your consent. If the Regional Council of Darmstadt/the State Admissions Authority of Lower Saxony/the District Government of Arnshausen/the Supervisory and Service Directorate of Rhineland-Palatinate has already allocated you to a municipality on the basis of the matching proposal, then the revocation does not affect this allocation decision.

Upon request, your personal data may be transmitted to you or a third person in a common, structured and machine-readable format. This option expires one month after notification of the allocation decision with the end of the period for bringing an action against this decision. At this point in time, the data is anonymised in a form that renders personal assignment impossible.

You can file a complaint against the unlawful use of your data with the official data protection officer or the responsible supervisory authority (Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Information Security – BfDI).

The data protection officer of the Regional Council of Giessen

The data protection officer of the State Admissions Authority of Lower Saxony

The data protection officer of the District Government of Detmold

The data protection officer of the Supervisory and Service Directorate of Rhineland-Palatinate

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Consent:

I have fully received, read and understood the information and declaration of consent for the survey within the framework of the 'Match'in pilot project for the distribution of asylum seekers with the help of an algorithm-based matching procedure'. I have had the opportunity to ask questions. These were answered in full. I have received a copy of the information sheet and this declaration of consent. The project team will store the signed declaration of consent for the entire duration of the project. I agree to the collection, storage and processing of my personal data in accordance with the aforementioned descriptions.

With my signature, I consent to...

- ...participating in the 'Match'in' project and, in the event of allocation, taking into account the matching proposal, being allocated to a municipality in Hesse/Lower Saxony/North Rhine-Westphalia/in Rhineland-Palatinate.
- ...my data being used for the implementation of the Match'in procedure.
- ...my data being used for research purposes.

Place, date

Signature

ANNEX: DEFINITIONS

According to Art. 4 (1) GDPR, '**personal data**' (pbd) means all information that relates to an identified or identifiable natural person (hereinafter 'data subject'). An identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier, or one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person. This can be, for example, an indication of where a person is insured, lives or how much money they earn. Providing the name is not important. It is sufficient to be able to find out who this person is.

'**Special categories**' of personal data are, in accordance with Art. 9 (1) GDPR, data revealing 'racial or ethnic origin', political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade-union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

According to Art. 4 (15) GDPR, '**health data**' means personal data that relates to the physical/mental health of a natural person, including the provision of health services, and from which information about their health status can be inferred.

According to Art 4 (2) GDPR, '**processing**' means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.

'**Anonymisation**' is the modification of personal data in such a way that the individual details about personal or factual circumstances can no longer be attributed to a specific or identifiable natural person or can only be attributed to a specific or identifiable natural person with a disproportionate amount of time, cost and labour.