

**Privacy Policy According to Article 13 GDPR for the Research Project “Exploring Neurodivergent Experiences in a VR Quiet Room“  
at the Research Group for Human-Computer Interaction and Accessibility of  
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)**

## **Controller**

According to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Art. 4, No. 7) and other data protection regulations, the Controller is:

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## **Data Protection Commissioner**

The Data Protection Commissioner of KIT is:

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## **Data Categories Processed**

Within the framework of the research project “Exploring Neurodivergent Experiences in a VR Quiet Room“, we process your following personal data:

- Contact data (name, email address)
- Personal information (age, gender, education, type of neurodivergence, other possible characteristics that affect your interaction with VR technology)

- Research data about your experience with VR technology (from standardized questionnaires, observation notes and interviews)
- Audio recordings of the interview parts of the study

### **Purpose of Data Processing**

KIT processes your personal data for specified, clear, and legitimate purposes only. The purpose of data processing is the participation in and execution of the research project.

This also includes data contained in questionnaires, transcripts, and audio recordings. They are required for executing the research project “Exploring Neurodivergent Experiences in a VR Quiet Room“. Without them, participation in the research project is impossible.

### **Legal Basis**

Processing of your personal data is based on:

- Your consent according to Art. 6, par. 1, sub-par. 1, a GDPR
- Your consent to the processing of health data in accordance with Art. 9 par. 2, a GDPR
- Art. 6, par. 1 c GDPR in conjunction with Articles 70 and 75 of the Baden-Württemberg Budgetary Regulations (Landeshaushaltsordnung).

Your consent is voluntary. It may be withdrawn anytime with effect for the future. Effect for the future means that a revocation of the consent does not affect legitimacy of processing until withdrawal of the consent.

Refusal or withdrawal of your consent will not result in any disadvantages.

### **Recipients**

Your personal data will not be transmitted to third persons in principle. Only the researchers directly involved in conducting the study will have access to the data. After anonymization, only the head of the study will have access to the non-anonymized data, including the table indicating which ID belongs to which participant (allocation table). The bank transfer information will be forwarded in an encrypted manner to the finance management division of KIT to transfer the participant reimbursement.

If, by way of exception, external companies are required to process personal data under a contract on our behalf, these companies will be selected carefully and obliged under a contract. The companies will work according to our instructions exclusively. This will be ensured by strict contractual regulations, technical and organizational measures, and additional controls.

Personal data will not be transmitted to third countries outside of the EU or EEA or an international organization. No automated decision-making or profiling will be made.

According to archiving regulations, documents must be offered to the KIT Archives before they are deleted. They will decide on whether the documents will be kept by them. The KIT Archives will protect the justified interests of the data subjects according to the Baden-Württemberg Archiving Act (Landesarchivgesetz BW (LArchG) and other applicable provisions.

### **Storage Period**

- The allocation table, including the contact data and the declaration of consent, will be destroyed upon the completion of the project at the latest.
- All research data will be kept for a period of ten years upon completion of the project according to the Statutes for Safeguarding Good Research Practice at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).
- This does not apply to first and last names and addresses which have to be stored together with the budgeting documents for six years due to budgetary reasons.

If applicable, the documents may be taken over by the KIT Archives where they will be kept permanently according to Art. 5, par. 1, e GDPR in conjunction with Art. 8, par. 2 of the Baden-Württemberg Archiving Act (LArchG) in conjunction with Articles 3 and 2 LArchG.

### **Your Rights**

As far as your personal data are concerned, you have the following rights:

- Right to withdraw your consent with effect for the future, provided that processing is based on a consent according to Art. 6, par. 1, sub-par. 1, a GDPR (Article 7, par. 3 GDPR).
- Right to confirmation if data about you are processed and right to information about the data processed and about the data processing as well as right to obtain copies of the data (Article 15 GDPR).
- Right to rectification or completion of incorrect or incomplete data (Article 16 GDPR).
- Right to immediate erasure of your personal data (Article 17 GDPR).

- Right to restriction of processing (Article 18 GDPR)
- Right to data portability in a structured, standard, and machine-readable format, if processing is based on a consent according to Art. 6, par. 1, sub-par. 1, a or Art. 9, par. 2, a GDPR (Article 20 GDPR).
- Right to object to the future processing of your personal data, if the data are processed according to Art. 6, par. 1, e GDPR (Article 21 GDPR).

In addition, you have the right to complain about the processing of your personal data by KIT with its supervisory authority (Article 77 GDPR). According to Article 25, par. 1 LDSG (State Data Protection Act), the supervisory authority of KIT in the sense of Article 51, par. 1 GDPR is:

Der Landesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz und die Informationsfreiheit Baden-Württemberg (Baden-Württemberg State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information): (<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.datenschutz.de/>, in German only).