



## Privacy Policy

### No Patents on Seeds! (Keine Patente auf Saatgut! e.V.)

(This is a translation of the [original German text](#) to English. Only the German original text is legally effective.)

We are very pleased about your interest in *No Patents on Seeds! (Keine Patente auf Saatgut! e.V.)*. As a non-profit organization *No Patents on Seeds!* is subject to the provisions of the European General Data Protection Regulation (EU-GDPR).

Data protection is of particular importance for *No Patents on Seeds!*. The use of the websites of *No Patents on Seeds!* is possible without any disclosure of personal data.

If you want to contact us via our website or subscribe to our newsletter, however, a processing of personal data is required.

If you consent thereto, the processing of personal data, such as name, address, e-mail address or telephone number, will always be in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Article 6, paragraph 1, lit. (a), EU-GDPR), as well as in accordance with the data protection regulations country-specific for *No Patents on Seeds!*. You can revoke your consent at any time, so we stop processing your data.

The following text is intended to inform you about the nature, scope and purpose of the collection and use of personal data on our website. Should you have further questions regarding the data protection in connection with our website, please contact us:

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### Data collection and storage

When you visit our web pages, you (through technical necessity) transmit data to our web server via your internet browser. Also the website of *No patents on seeds!* collects a set of general data and information each time it is accessed by a person or an automated system.

This general data and information is stored in the log files of the server. The following data can be recorded: (1) the browser type and version used, (2) the operating system used by the accessing system, (3) the website from which an accessing system accesses our website (so-called referrers), (4) the sub-websites that are accessed, (5) the date and time of access to the website, (6) an Internet Protocol address (IP address), and (7) other similar data and information related to security in case of attacks on our information technology systems.

Your personal data will not be recorded or evaluated by us. When using the general data and information no conclusions can be drawn on the individual person. Rather, this information is required to (1) correctly deliver the contents of our website, (2) to optimize the content of our website and to advertise it, (3) to ensure the continued functioning of our information technology systems and the technology of our website, and (4) to provide law enforcement authorities with the information necessary for law enforcement in the event of a cyberattack.

## **Cookies**

The website of *No patents on seeds!* uses cookies. By the use of cookies, the information and offers on our website can be optimized in the interest of the user. Cookies allow our website to recognize users. The purpose of this recognition is to make the use of our website easier for the user.

The user can prevent the setting of cookies by our website at any time by means of the corresponding setting of the used web browser, and thus permanently revoke the setting of cookies. Already set cookies can be deleted at any time via the browser or other software programs. This is possible in all common web browsers. If the user deactivates the setting of cookies in the browser, not all features on our website may be fully functional.

## **Collection of additional data**

If you do not use the forms offered on our website for establishing contact or for participate in campaigns, there will be no further collection of your personal data. If you use the offered forms and provide us with personal data or if you contact us by e-mail, we will collect, process and use your personal data solely for the purpose of processing your request.

## **Web tracking method (range measurement)**

Analysis programs and other techniques for evaluating your personal usage behavior are not used on our website.

## **Subscription to our newsletter**

On the website of *No patents on seeds!* the user is given the opportunity to subscribe to the newsletter of our organization. Which personal data are transmitted to the data controller when ordering the newsletter depends on the input mask used.

*No patents on seeds!* informs interested parties and supporters via the newsletter. Generally, the newsletter only can be received by a person if (1) this person has a valid e-mail address and (2) the person registers for the newsletter.

For legal reasons, a confirmation e-mail for a double-opt-in procedure will be sent to the e-mail address subscribing to the newsletter for the first time. This confirmation e-mail serves to check whether the owner of the e-mail address authorized the receipt of the newsletter.

The personal data collected in the context of registering for the newsletter will only be used to send and administer our newsletter. Furthermore, subscribers to the newsletter may also be informed via e-mail if it is necessary for the operation of the newsletter service or for the registration, as may be the case in the event of changes to the newsletter service or technical changes.

Subscription to our newsletter may be terminated at any time. For the purpose of revoking the consent, there is a corresponding link in each newsletter. It is also possible to unsubscribe the newsletter at any time directly on our website, or to inform us in a different way.

## **E-mail campaigns**

*No patents on seeds!* also offers e-mail campaigns. By this mean, our supporters can make people in politics, in associations or in enterprises to be aware of deficiencies and to demand changes.

We use the data requested in the form to carry out the respective e-mail campaign. By default, this includes the transmission of your general identification information (surname, first name, place of residence) and your comment, if you have entered one, to the recipients of the e-mail petition.

Since it is important for us to enable the supporters and the addressees of an e-mail campaign to communicate with each other, we also transmit the contact details (postal and / or e-mail addresses) of the supporters, so that addressees of a petition can answer you.

If you fill out the form, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from us. Your participation will only be counted, if you confirm that you are the owner of this e-mail address by

clicking on a button in this e-mail. By this, we want to make sure that no one can participate in petitions using another person's e-mail address.

### **Storage and routine deletion of personal data**

In general, we store personal data only for as long as it is necessary for the purpose for which they were collected. After that, the data will be deleted. As far as we are legally obliged to delete the data earlier, they will be deleted earlier. As far as we are legally obliged to store certain data for a longer period, the data will be deleted accordingly later.

If the purpose for storage lapses or if a storage period prescribed by the European directives and regulations or by any other relevant legislature expires, the personal data are routinely and in accordance with legal regulations blocked or deleted.

Personal data are saved by *No patents on seeds!* only if the user has consented, for example in the receipt of further information about the work of *No patents on seeds!*. Beyond the specifications in this statement, this data will not be entrusted for use or made available to third parties.

In addition, *No patents on seeds!* entrusts data to service providers only if this is necessary for the purpose of administering the website or of sending newsletters. We enter into agreements on the compliance of the General Data Protection Regulation with all external service providers. The service providers may only use the data for the execution of the order and they must delete the data after completing the order and in accordance with the legal provisions.

### **Right of information, rectification, and cancellation**

If *No patents on seeds!* processes personal data of you, you have the right to be informed about it. *No patents on seeds!* has to correct erroneous data on you if necessary. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact us, for example by an e-mail to [info@no-patents-on-seeds.org](mailto:info@no-patents-on-seeds.org).

You can also complain to the Bavarian Data Protection Commissioner, Wagnmüllerstr. 18, 80538 Munich, <https://www.datenschutz-bayern.de>.