

Privacy Policy of Kickstart's application platform

The Privacy Policy of Kickstart describes the information we collect from you and how we may (and may not) use and disclose that information.

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This Privacy Policy explains how Kickstart handles your personal and company information and the choices available to you regarding the collection, use, access, and how to update and correct such information. This Privacy Policy applies to the processing of information about users when you use our application platform, which means any part of the application or when you communicate with us through the platform. This Privacy Policy does not apply to the information that you may provide to third parties beyond the platform, such as other users, partners, team members and others with whom you may share information about yourself.

Kickstart is committed to protecting your privacy and providing you with a positive experience on its platform and in using its services.

By using the Kickstart application platform and applying to the program, you agree to the jury's decision, which is final and cannot be appealed.

Collection of Information

For the application and selection purposes we require you to provide us certain personally identifiable information, including but not limited to your name, location and email address. Furthermore we require you to provide us certain information related to your organisation. The information that we collect will be used to contact or identify you or your organisation, and for evaluating and selection purposes.

Data access, access control and user permissions

Access to the platform is regulated through personal user profiles (username and password). Functionalities on the platform allow users to edit, process or delete data.

Sharing and using of Personal Information

We engage third parties in order to assist us in and operate the process (such as the platform provider - Visible Solutions AG, data host - Hostpoint AG, Switzerland, email dispatch operator - SMTP server or Mandrill (by Mailchimp, The Rocket Science Group LLC d/b/a MailChimp), document hosting and management system - Google Drive (by Google Ireland Limited), with whom your (whole or parts of your) data is shared, and which demonstrate high data security and privacy standards (such as certified under the US-Swiss or US-EU Privacy Shield agreement). We do not accept any liability or responsibility for these third parties' use of data and acts.

Data related to you, your organisation and associated people will be shared within Kickstart Team and with external experts and jury members through the platform. Some non-sensitive information associated with your application (e.g. company location) might be published on the Kickstart website and other online and offline communication and marketing channels.

Our program partner, [ETH Zurich](#) is conducting a research about the Kickstart program. Therefore they might contact you for research purposes. None of the sensitive data or exact details in the applications will be used for the research.

Data security

The platform provider implements technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk of unauthorized or unlawful processing, accidental loss of and/or damage to the applicants' data. We value your trust in providing us your personal information, thus we are striving to use commercially acceptable means of protecting it, however since no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure and reliable, therefore we cannot guarantee its absolute security. You use the platform and provide us with information on your own initiative and risk.

Data storage

After the program your application data will be deleted on the platform and will be archived at Kickstart, not accessible for any third party.

Your Data Rights

Irrespective of your nationality or place of residence, among other rights, we grant to you all the rights relating to your personal data that the European General Data Protection Regulation provides for data subjects. These rights include:

The right to access your data

You have the right to request access to the personal data that we have collected about you and to request specific information and insights on how we treat, share, store and otherwise process this personal data.

The right to rectification

If Personal Information you have submitted is no longer accurate, current, or complete, and you wish to update it, please contact us via hello@kickstart-innovation.com. Upon appropriate request, we will be glad to update or amend your information, but we reserve the right to use information obtained previously to verify your identity or take other actions that we believe are appropriate and lawful.

The right to erasure / withdrawal of consent

For the most parts we are processing your personal data on the grounds of the consent that you give that us by reading and accepting this data policy or by conclusive conduct. At all times you are absolutely free to withdraw this consent by stating so in an email or by initiating the deletion of your personal profile.

The right to object to processing of your information, asking us to restrict processing of your information, or requesting the portability of your information.

The right to opt out from receiving marketing communications that we send you at any time.

You can exercise this right by contacting us.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or suggestions about our Privacy Policy, do not hesitate to contact us: hello@kickstart-innovation.com