

Data Protection Declaration

The University of Graz and Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse - as joint controllers - take data protection very seriously and will treat your personal data confidentially and in accordance with the legal requirements.

The controllers entered into an agreement pursuant to Art. 26 § 1 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Its essence will be made available to you at your request.

This Data Protection Declaration is designed to inform you, as an applicant – and in case of selection for the Best of South-East program – as a grantee of the program at the University of Graz in accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the GDPR, about how and why we will process your personal data, the legal basis for this, and about your rights regarding this data processing by the University of Graz, Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz and Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse, Sparkassenplatz 4, 8010 Graz.

1. Purpose and legal basis of data processing:

We process your personal data indicated in the application (personal information, information on your stay, bank details – in case of scholarship payments by the University of Graz) as well as your application documents according to the program requirements for the purpose of the application process and (in case of a successful application) for the organization of the mobility in the context of the Best of South-East program at the University of Graz.

The legal basis for this processing is

- the performance of the contract or in order to take steps prior to entering into the contract in the context of the application process and furthermore the organization and completion of the mobility pursuant to Art. 6. §1(b) GDPR,
- the legitimate interest of the University of Graz and Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse with regard to the quality assurance, public relations and statistical purposes pursuant to Art 6 (1f) GDPR,
- the legitimate interest of the University of Graz and Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse with regard to increased international mobility of students as well as the development of their professional skills, pursuant to Art 6 (1f) GDPR;
- the fulfillment of legal obligations in regards to possible data transfer to the respective competent bodies pursuant to Section 3. of this Data Protection Declaration, for the purpose of control and audit duties,
- the optional consent to being contacted by interested students,
- Non-EU/EEA students: the optional consent for data transfer to OeAD in advance of your application for the residence status (visa or residence permit).

Providing your personal data is necessary for the selection process to enter into a contract in case of selection. Without providing the necessary personal data an application for / participation in the program is not possible.

2. Duration of storage

- In case of a contract/contractual obligation: Your personal data will be stored as long as necessary for the organization and completion of the mobility / fulfillment of the legal obligation. In addition, we will store your data if there are statutory retention periods or if the statute of limitations regarding potential legal claims is still open.
- In case of consent: Data processed on the basis of optional consent will be stored until you withdraw consent. In case you withdraw consent, only your personal data absolutely necessary for the purpose of proving your consent or withdrawal will be stored for a period of 3 years from withdrawal.
- In case of legitimate interest: Your data will be processed as long as necessary for the preservation of our legitimate interests or until (justified) objection is raised.

3. Transmission of your personal data:

In the context of the selection process the personal data of applicants whose home university is not the University of Graz will be transmitted to the processor (= directly- and indirectly-held Subsidiaries of Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse) in the respective country the applicant is or has been following his/her studies.

Furthermore, your data will – where required - be transmitted to the competent supervisory bodies for control and audit duties according to Austrian and European law (e.g. European Anti-Fraud Office, European Court of Auditors [ECA] or Austrian Court of Audit, Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (Transparency Portal)).

Provided your consent to the respective data transfer in the context of the application – your personal data as indicated in the respective consent will also be made available

- to students at University of Graz who are interested in a mobility a bilateral, multilateral or self-organized mobility program, have completed or will undertake such a mobility at your home university.
- Non-EU/EEA students: to OeAD in advance of your application of the relevant residence status (visa or residence permit respectively).

Your personal data may be transmitted to IT- and backoffice-service providers (data controllers). These service providers are contractually obliged to treat your data confidentially and to only process them within the scope of the service provision.

4. Transmission to third countries:

If in the context of the selection process personal data is transmitted to a processor (= directly- and indirectly-held Subsidiaries of Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse) in a third country, the transfer is carried out for the implementation of pre-contractual measures and the performance of a mobility agreement for students pursuant to Art 49 (1b) GDPR.

5. Your rights:

- Where the processing of your personal data is concerned, you have the following rights at all times with regard to the University of Graz and Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse as joint controllers; these rights can be exercised at each controller individually:
- the right of access to the personal data in question (Article 15, GDPR),
- the right to rectification (Article 16, GDPR) or erasure (Article 17, GDPR) or restriction of processing (Article 18, GDPR),
- the right to data portability (Article 20, GDPR),
- the right to object (Article 21, GDPR),
- the right to withdraw consent (Article 7(3), GDPR), which shall not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal,

You also have the

- right to lodge a complaint (Article 77, GDPR),

which should be addressed to a Data Protection Authority, in Austria this is the Austrian Data Protection Authority, Barichgasse 40-42, 1030 Vienna, telephone: +43 1 52 152-0, email: dsb@dsb.gv.at.

6. Our contact details:

Our contact details are:

- University of Graz, Office of International Relations, Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, email: international@uni-graz.at. The data protection officer can be contacted at: dsba@uni-graz.at.
- Steiermärkische Verwaltungssparkasse, Sparkassenplatz 4, 8010 Graz, Mail: DataProtectionManagement0642@erstebank.at.