Privacy Policy – Integrity Watch EU

WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY

Transparency International EU (TI EU) is committed to ensuring the privacy of all users of the Integrity Watch EU and the Integrity Watch datahub Website (https://www.integritywatch.eu and https://www.data.integritywatch.eu), including all information and materials published on the integritywatch.eu website, hereafter referred to as IW EU. The contents of the IW EU platform are handled by:

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This Privacy Policy governs all pages on the IW EU platform. It does not apply to pages hosted by other organizations, including the websites and integrity watch platforms of TI National Chapters or related organizations or third-party sites. The IW EU platform may be linked to the websites of such other parties, but those other sites may have their own privacy policy which applies to them.

Our IW EU platform may be used without entering personal information. Different rules may apply to certain services on our website, however, and are explained separately below. We collect personal information from you (e.g. name, address, email address, place of work) in accordance with the provisions of the Belgian data protection statutes. Information is considered personal, if it can be associated exclusively to a specific natural person. The legal framework for data protection may be found in the the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC, the Belgian Act of 08 December 1992 on the protection of privacy in relation to the processing of personal data and its implementing decrees, and from 25 May 2018 in its successor legislation, the General Data Protection Regulation (and any Belgian act and/or decree implementing it). The provisions below serve to provide information as to the manner, extent and purpose for collecting, using and processing personal information by the provider.

Please be aware that data transfer via the internet is subject to security risks and, therefore, complete protection against third-party access to transferred data cannot be ensured.

COOKIES

Our IW EU platform makes use of so-called cookies in order to recognize repeat use of our IW EU platform by the same user/internet connection subscriber. Cookies are small text files that your internet browser downloads and stores on your computer. They are used to improve our IW EU platform and services. In most cases these are so-called "session
cookies" and are deleted after a certain expiry period once you leave our IW EU platform or you close the browser.

To an extent, however, these cookies also pass along information used to automatically recognize you. The information thereby obtained is used to improve our services and to expedite your access to the IW EU platform.

You can prevent cookies from being installed by adjusting the settings on your browser software accordingly. You should be aware, however, that by doing so you may not be able to make full use of all the functions of our IW EU platform.

SERVER DATA

For technical reasons, data such as the following, which your internet browser transmits to us or to our web space provider (so called server log files), is collected:

- type and version of the browser you use
- operating system
- websites that linked you to our site (referrer URL)
- date and time of your visit
- your Internet Protocol (IP) address

This data may also be stored on a database as session data, to facilitate your access to our IW EU platform and services.

PURPOSE OF REGISTERING ON THE DATAHUB

We offer you the opportunity to sign up for our Integrity Watch Datahub, hereafter referred to as the IW Datahub. The information entered when signing up, as shown in the registration form is collected and stored solely for use by our IW Datahub. When subscribing to the IW Datahub, we will store the following information:

- your IP address as well as the date and time you subscribed
- your first and last name, or provided alias
- your email address
- the name of the organisation you work for
- registration timestamp
- profile edit timestamp
- authentication data (In encrypted form: user passwords are not viewable by the administrators of the site)

We will not collect any other data. The data collected is used for well-functioning of the site and for the purpose of understanding our user-base and tailor future updates to Integrity watch platforms accordingly.
None of this information is transferred to third parties. Nor is any of this information matched to any information that may be collected by other components of our IW EU platform.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

Registration on our IW Datahub offers you the opportunity to consent to receive information about future updates, events, webinars, new reports linked to Integrity Watch platforms from Transparency International Secretariat, liaison office to the EU and national chapters involved in the datahub. Consent is entirely optional and does not prevent you from accessing the datahub should you opt-out. When consenting to receive information related to Integrity Watch, no data is transferred to third parties. Nor is any of this information matched to any information that other components of our IW EU platform may collect. You may opt-out at any time or decide to opt-in by updating your personal profile.

CONTACTING US

On our IW EU platform we offer you the opportunity to contact us by email. In such event, information provided by the user is stored for the purpose of facilitating communications with the user. No data is transferred to third parties. Nor is any of this information matched to any information that may be collected by other components of our IW EU platform.

USE OF GOOGLE ANALYTICS WITH ANONYMIZATION

Our IW EU platform uses Google Analytics, a web analysis service from Google Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043 USA, hereinafter referred to as “Google”. Google Analytics employs so-called “cookies”, text files that are stored to your computer in order to facilitate an analysis of your use of the site.

The information generated by these cookies, such as time, place and frequency of your visits to our site, including your IP address, is transmitted to Google's location in the US and stored there.

We use Google Analytics with an IP anonymization feature on our IW EU platform. In doing so, Google abbreviates and thereby anonymizes your IP address before transferring it from member states of the European Union or signatory states to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

Google will use this information to evaluate your usage of our site, to compile reports on website activity for us, and to provide other services related to website- and internet usage. Google may also transfer this information to third parties if this is required by law or to the extent this data is processed by third parties on Google’s behalf.

Google states that it will never associate your IP address with other data held by Google. You can prevent cookies from being installed by adjusting the settings on your browser software accordingly. You should be aware, however, that by doing so you may not be able to make full use of all the functions of our IW EU platform.

Google also offers a disabling option for the most common browsers, thus providing you with greater control over the data which is collected and processed by Google. If you enable this
option, no information regarding your website visit is transmitted to Google Analytics. However, the activation does not prevent the transmission of information to us or to any other web analytics services we may use. For more information about the disabling option provided by Google, and how to enable this option, visit https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout?hl=en

INFORMATION / CANCELLATION / DELETION

On the basis of the Belgian data protection statutes, you may contact us at no cost if you have questions relating to the collection, processing or use of your personal information, if you wish to request the correction, blocking or deletion of the same, or if you wish to cancel explicitly granted consent. Please note that you have the right to have incorrect data corrected or to have personal data deleted, where such claim is not barred by any legal obligation to retain this data.

If you wish to exercise any of these rights or have any questions about this policy, please contact:

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