

Terms of Use

The TU Graz Repository (based on InvenioRDM) is subject to the following Terms of Use, to which you expressly agree by using the repository (hereinafter referred to as the 'Repository'). Please note that this applies only to the 'Research Results' section of the Repository and not to the 'Publications' or 'Open Educational Resources' sections:

I. Eligibility

The Repository may only be used by registered users for the purpose of publishing research data. Members of TU Graz (staff, researchers and students) with an active TU Graz user profile are automatically included. External users who require access, for example through a project collaboration, may request a restricted TU Graz user profile.

II. End of authorisation

Following the loss of the user profile on the system (e.g. in the event of completion of studies or termination of employment), access to non-publicly accessible data on the system is no longer possible. It is the user's own responsibility to transfer access rights to the data.

III. Publications and communities

Entries in the repository may be created independently by users and must undergo a guided curation process¹ before they are published. Users may also independently select the visibility settings and licence terms for the relevant entry, but these must be consistent with contractual agreements and/or data protection obligations. Users are also free to submit their entries to any available community within the repository.

Administrators of a repository community bear joint responsibility for the entries in their community and independently confirm whether an entry becomes part of their community or not. Should the submitting person's right of use cease, responsibility for the management of the relevant entry passes entirely to the relevant community administration. When using repositories for research data, good scientific practice must be observed (see the section on Scientific and Artistic Integrity in the Statutes, § 5, in particular paragraph 2)². Please bear this in mind when using the TU Graz Repository.

IV. Rights of use

Users warrant that they hold the exploitation rights to the uploaded media objects, are authorised to upload the media object in question, and grant the rights of use. Users are solely responsible for the content they upload to the TU Graz Repository and shall indemnify and hold TU Graz harmless in connection with the use of the service.

V. Personal data¹

Users must ensure that their content complies with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, privacy, data protection and intellectual property rights. Furthermore, data constituting special categories of personal data (sensitive data)² must either be pseudonymised³ to an appropriate extent or rendered entirely exempt from consent.

¹ Bardel, A., Eckhard, D., & Jean-Quartier, C. (2025). TU Graz Repository: Curation Workflow – Deposition and Appraisal. Graz University of Technology. <https://doi.org/10.3217/ffg20-eq803>

²https://tu4u.tugraz.at/fileadmin/public/Studierende_und_Bedienstete/Satzung_und_Geschaeftsordnungen_der_TU_Graz/Satzungs teil_Wissenschaftliche_und_Kuenstlerische_Integritaet.pdf

VI. Legal basis for data processing

The data is processed on one or more of the following legal bases:

- a) **Consent:** The data subject has **given consent to the processing** of their personal data **for one or more specific purposes** (Art. 6 Abs. 1 lit a DSGVO).
- b) **Contract:** The processing is **necessary for the performance of a contract** to which the data subject is party or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract (Art 6 Abs. 1 lit b DSGVO).
- c) **Public interest:** The processing is **necessary** for the performance of a **task carried out in the public interest** or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller (Art 6 Abs. 1 lit e DSGVO).
- d) **Legitimate interests:** Processing is necessary for **the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller** or by a third party, except where such interests **are overridden by** the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of **the data subject** which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child (Art 6 Abs. 1 lit f DSGVO).

VI. Further processing of personal data

If personal data is **further processed after the purpose for which it was processed has been achieved**, the **data subjects** must **be informed** of this further processing of their data, unless the further processing is covered by the legal basis of the original processing purpose. **Further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, for scientific or historical research purposes or for statistical purposes is not considered incompatible with the original purposes** ('purpose limitation') pursuant to Art 5 Abs. 1 lit. b iVm 89 Abs. 1 DSGVO.

VII. Use of content

Access to the TU Graz Repository and all content is provided on an 'as is' basis. Users of the content must comply with the applicable licence terms. Downloading and using content from the TU Graz Repository does not transfer any intellectual property rights to the content to the users.

VIII. Changes, deletions and restrictions

TU Graz reserves the right, without prior notice, at its sole discretion and without liability, **(i)** to modify, delete or block access to content that it deems inappropriate or inadequately protected, and **(ii)** to restrict or remove users' access if it considers that the use of the TU Graz Repository disrupts its operations or violates these Terms of Use or applicable laws.

IX. Maintenance, Notifications and Support

Regular maintenance work takes place, which involves a service interruption. This will be announced on the repository's web interface – including at short notice in the case of critical security updates. Furthermore, you will

receive occasional messages at your registered email address regarding important information about the system. If you have any questions, problems or encounter system faults, please contact rdmteam@tugraz.at.

X. Changes to the Terms of Use

TU Graz reserves the right to change the terms of use at any time and without notice and to publish the current version in the TU Graz Repository.

¹ "Personal data" as defined in Art 4 Z 1 DSGVO **means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person**; an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an **identifier** such as a name, an identification **number, location data, an online identifier** or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

² "Special categories of personal data" according to Art 9 DSGVO are data revealing **racial or ethnic origin**, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs or trade union membership, as well as the processing of **genetic data, biometric data** uniquely identifying a natural person, **health data or** data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

³ "Pseudonymisation" pursuant to Art 4 Z 5 DSGVO: the processing of personal data in such a way that such data can no longer be attributed to a specific data subject without the use of additional information, provided that such additional information is **kept separately** and is subject to **technical and organisational measures which** ensure that the personal **data cannot be attributed to an identified or identifiable natural person**.

In the event of discrepancies between the English and German version of the respective terms of use, the German version prevails.