

# **DATA PROTECTION INFORMATION**

# PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA BY THE USE OF PLAGIARISM SOFTWARE (TURNITIN)

The IU Group N.V. ("IU"), Square Ambiorix 10, 1000 - Brussels, Belgium, is required under university law to examine students' examination papers to determine whether they are to be regarded as plagiarized in part or in whole from existing papers or published works ("plagiarism check"). IU has engaged Turnitin, LLC, 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1800, Oakland CA, 94612 USA ("Turnitin") to conduct the Plagiarism Check. Please read this information carefully as well as Turnitin's privacy policy.

Students can access Turnitin via a tab on MyCampus when submitting examinations. The Turnitln plugin is installed in the course submission, which leads directly to the Turnitin platform when the examination is uploaded. When the thesis is submitted, students receive login data with which they can register on the Turnitin website.

In addition to the student's name and e-mail address, Turnitin receives all personal data that the student submits with the examination paper, e.g. private address and matriculation number, if these are noted on the examination paper. Turnitin will subject the examination papers to a plagiarism check and report the result to the IU. The examination papers will be archived at Turnitin for a period of two years and then completely anonymized. The examination papers are stored in an institutional memory provided to the IU by Turnitin, so that no third parties other than Turnitin and the IU have access to the submitted examination papers. The IU has the option of instructing Turnitin at any time to have the submitted examination results deleted from this memory after the plagiarism check has been completed.

Professors, other academic staff and employees of the student administration can also use the software offered by Turnitin to make notes on the assessment of the examination papers, other formalities, linguistic formulation, concept, etc.

The IU has obliged Turnitin to comply with all applicable laws, in particular data protection laws.

#### 1. Who is responsible?

Your personal data is processed by IU as the controller. Turnitin acts as a processor for IU.

#### 2. Our external Data Protection Officer

We have appointed Dr. Annette Demmel, SPB DPO Services GmbH, An der Buche 4, 13465 Berlin, annette.demmel@spb-dpo-services.com as our external data protection officer.

### 3. Purpose and legal basis of the processing

Your personal data in the context of submissions (student, examination or scientific work) will be processed to carry out the plagiarism check, i.e. to investigate whether the examination work is to be regarded as plagiarism of existing work or published works in places or as a whole. The legal basis for processing is the educational contract



concluded with you in accordance with Art. 6 (1) b) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in conjunction with Art. 6 (1) e) GDPR, § 55 (2) of the Thuringian Higher Education Act and §§ 15 (5), 17 (1) of the IU examination regulations, namely to ensure an equal opportunity examination.

## 4. Data categories

In addition to the student's first and last name and e-mail address, Turnitin receives all personal data that the student submits with the examination paper, e.g. matriculation number, private address, if this information is noted on the examination paper and has not been blacked out.

#### 5. Recipients

Administrators of the IT systems as well as employees and teaching staff of the IU who are entrusted with the evaluation of examination results have access to the personal data collected in the context of an examination paper. Turnitin employees who require access to personal data in order to contribute to the operation of Turnitin's services will have access to such personal data. In addition, IU employs internal and external IT staff to maintain the IT systems, who may have access to your personal data in the course of their work.

#### 6. Transmission

Your personal data will be transmitted to Turnitin. With the exception of the transfer to Turnitin, IU will not transfer your personal data to third parties unless there is a legal or official obligation to do so. Your personal data, which is collected in order to carry out the audit, is currently processed by Turnitin outside the European Union. This transfer of your personal data to Turnitin is based on EU standard contractual clauses. You can request a copy of the EU standard contractual clauses at the following e-mail address: datenschutz@iu.org.

# 7. How long will your personal data be stored?

Your personal data collected during the plagiarism check of your thesis will be stored for the duration of the plagiarism check. After the plagiarism check has been completed, the examination results are stored anonymously in Turnitin for a period of 10 years and then deleted.

#### 8. Your rights

You can contact us either in writing or by e-mail at datenschutz@iu.org to exercise the following rights:

- Access to your data in order to control and verify it,
- Obtain a copy of your personal data,
- the right to rectification, erasure or restriction of processing; this also includes the right to complete incomplete or incorrect data by supplementary communication,
- If applicable, a right to object to the processing,
- Receive your provided data in a structured, common and machine-readable format and transfer this data to another controller, provided that you have given your consent to the processing, or the processing is based on a contract.

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You can also revoke your consent at any time with effect for the future. In this context, we would like to
point out that the revocation of your consent has no influence on the data processing that has taken
place up to that point.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in connection with the processing of your personal data. To lodge such a complaint, you can contact the supervisory authority responsible for your place of residence or the supervisory authority responsible for the registered office of IU.

# 9. Automated decision-making and profiling

Your personal data will not be used for automated decision-making and profiling.

# 10. Why is your personal data collected?

In order to be able to complete the examination you have requested, it is necessary for a corresponding plagiarism check to be carried out in accordance with the examination regulations before the examination paper is assessed. In order to enable you to do this without disclosing your personal data, you are free to note personal data on the cover sheet of your examination paper or to black it out before submitting it to Turnitin. Accordingly, you have the option to refrain from providing your personal data to this extent.