

The Bavarian State Commissioner

for data protection

If you toot, you don't have to tweet

Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection has been using since today

the microblogging service Mastodon

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Using microblogging services is an integral part of social life

networks. In political communication, Twitter is currently still an American

kanian provider dominant. The use of channels hosted there can be used for Bavarian public

public bodies may, however, be associated with data protection problems: over-

Transfers of personal data to a country outside the scope of the

General Data Protection Regulation are often not legally possible.

Against this background, the Bavarian state commissioner for data protection

kept an eye out for an alternative and found it in the microblogging service Mastodon

found. This is a decentrally hosted offer that does not have any commercial

objectives can be pursued and designed without problematic transfers to third countries.

Until further notice, the Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection will use the

provided by the Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information and for the

Data protection supervisory authorities as well as for other public bodies of the federal government and

instance social.bund open to the federal states.

From May 25, 2022, Bavarian public authorities, citizens such as

other interested parties the "Toots" of the Bavarian State Commissioner for the data

schutz on <https://social.bund.de/@BayLfD> and get the latest from the world of

Find out about data protection in Bavaria, Germany and Europe. In the essence of a microblog

went service establishes the presence of a return channel. The Bavarian State Commissioner

trachte for data protection is looking forward to the exchange within and outside the data

protection community.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri: "Microblogging services are not demonic. Bavarian public

However, public bodies should exercise caution before using such a tool

consider which providers come into consideration and thereby the data protection conformity as

consider the selection criteria. With my decision for Mastodon I also want to

send a signal that the big providers are not without alternatives."

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri

A notice:

The Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection controls the Bavarian public authorities

Compliance with data protection regulations. He is elected by the Bavarian state parliament, is independent and bound by instructions.

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