

# THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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## PRESS RELEASE

Grows and thrives:

<https://bawu.social/@lfdi>

Over 1500 interested people follow the LfDI account

on Mastodon

LfDI PeerTube instance is to follow

Digitization and data protection belong and work

together. More than 1,500 interested people are now following it

Country representative on Mastodon, a privacy-friendly

then decentralized alternative to Twitter.

The state representative Dr. Stefan Brink: "We are very happy

about the many interested people who are interested in our account

inform and discuss with us. We show daily

mean that direct communication goes without saying

also privacy friendly. Our Mastodon instance

stands for exactly that. Citizens do not need their  
give personal data for advertising purposes and her  
have their communication behavior analyzed if they  
want to use al-Media.”

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The LfDI instance is open to public bodies from Baden-  
Wuerttemberg. Cities and communities, chambers of crafts,  
Universities and other public bodies can register here  
operate their own account – which meanwhile numerous also do  
do, for example the Universities of Freiburg and Tübingen  
and Hohenheim, the Stuttgart Media University  
Municipal Museums Freiburg, the city and the government  
presidium Freiburg, the Ministry of the Environment and the state  
center for political education. Others, such as the State  
ministry, are with an account on other mastodon  
represent instances.

The LfDI is currently planning to operate its own PeerTube  
servers on which videos are uploaded, viewed and  
can be mentioned.

Further information

The state representative has been running one for almost 11 months  
own Mastodon server (instance bawu.social) and the Ac-  
count @LfDI@bawu.social at <https://bawu.social/@lfdi>.

The microblogging platform Mastodon is an alternative to  
Twitter. Short messages, called "tweets" on Twitter, are  
ate on mastodon "Toots" (German: "Tröts"). The maximal

Message length is 500 characters. pictures and videos

can also be shown here. You can use other

address zer\_innen directly with an @ sign and with

Hashtags (#) tag content. The platform is de-

set up centrally – basically like an e-mail service: everyone

can operate its own instance or join an existing

connect the instance. A communication is about that

Boundaries of instances possible.

It is also possible without registration on Mastodon messages

ten on the platform -either directly in the browser

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or as an RSS feed. The link to the RSS feed of the LfDI Ac-

count is: <https://bawu.social/@lfdi.rss>

The instance cannot be opened for private persons.

You can create an account with one of the many others

create public mastodon instances. on the mastodon

Selected instances are available on the info page, many more can be found

himself z. B. in this Mastodon instance list. It is there too

possible e.g. B. to search for German-language instances

or otherwise filter.

Mastodon and PeerTube are part of the Fediverse, a

network of mutually independent social networks,

microblogging services and websites for online publication.

It is based on the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C),

the standardization body of the web, defined

communication log ActivityPub.