You can define and manage bad words in the **Bad words** application.

Adding a bad word

1. Click **New bad word**.
2. On the **New bad word** page, enter the following details:
   - **Bad word** - a string that must not appear in the input text.
   - **Bad word is a regular expression** - if enabled, the string entered into the previous field is searched for as a regular expression.
   - **Match whole word** - if enabled, only whole word occurrences of the expression are identified. If disabled, even words with substrings matching the expression are identified.
   - **Action** - action that the system performs if the bad word is detected.
     - **Use default settings** - if enabled, global value is used as specified in **Settings -> Security & Protection -> Bad words -> Bad word action**.
   - **Replace with** - if the *Replace* action is selected, defines the substitute for the bad word.
     - **Use default settings** - if enabled, global value is used as specified in **Settings -> Security & Protection -> Bad words -> Bad word replacement**.
3. Click **Save**.

The system now checks all user inputs for occurrences of the defined bad word or regular expression. When a user input matches the bad word definition, the system performs the specified action. The Event log also logs an event with the **BADWORD** event code.

Selecting bad word language

You can define in which cultures the system filters a certain bad word. In the **Bad words** application, edit a bad word and switch to its **Cultures** tab. Here, the system offers the following options:

- **The word is not allowed in all cultures** - the system filters the bad word in all website cultures.
- **The word is not allowed only in following cultures** - the system filters the bad word only in selected website cultures. Use the **Add cultures** and **Remove** buttons to modify the list of cultures.

> The **Cultures** tab is not available when adding a new bad word. Save the new bad word before editing its cultures.