Privacy Policy for the Study „Assistive Technology and the Campus Experience: How do Disabled Students Leverage (Assistive) Technology to Manage Campus Accessibility?”

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the study "Barriers on Campus and the Role of Digital Technologies" of the Institute of Anthropomatics and Robotics (IAR) - Research Group Human-Machine Interaction and Accessibility of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).

The subject of the study is as follows:

The study will be used to investigate which barriers disabled students experience in their everyday studies, whether and how they use digital technologies to overcome them, and at which points new technologies can further contribute to the reduction of existing barriers. In the course of a semi-structured interview, we will look at travel to campus, mobility on campus, access to courses and access to other areas of student life.

The following information provides you with an overview of the processing of your personal data within the scope of the above-mentioned study as well as your rights under data protection law.

1. Personal data

When you participate in the above-mentioned study, we process personal data relating to you. According to Art. 4 No. 1 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), personal data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

In the context of the study "Barriers on Campus and the Role of Digital Technologies", this includes the following personal data relating to you:

- Age and gender
- Place of residence
- Field of study and semester, duration of study
- Form of disability: Here, a superordinate group is asked (e.g. wheelchair use); specific information on medical diagnosis or information from a possibly existing severely disabled ID card is explicitly not collected.
2. Person responsible

The person responsible for data processing within the meaning of the GDPR and other data protection regulations is:

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3. Purpose of data processing

KIT processes your personal data exclusively for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes. The purpose of the data processing in question is to carry out the study "Barriers on campus and the role of digital technologies".
4. Legal basis for data processing

The legal basis for the processing of your personal data is your consent according to Art. 6 (1) UAbs. 1 lit. a GDPR.

The granting of consent is voluntary. The consent can be revoked at any time with effect for the future. Effect for the future means that the revocation of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out on the basis of the consent until revocation.

If consent is refused or revoked, no disadvantages arise.

5. Description of data processing

After you have given your consent to the study, an interview will be conducted with you in person. In this interview, we will ask you questions about the barriers that disabled students face in their everyday studies and how digital technologies are used to overcome these barriers. In the study, we will collect your age, gender, place of residence, subject and semester of study, duration of study and the form of your disability. The interviews will be audio-recorded using a recording device and transcribed immediately after the survey by a KIT employee involved in the study. After transcription, the original recordings are destroyed; the contents of the transcripts are pseudonymised. For this purpose, surnames are removed and remaining personal data (first name) is replaced by a pseudonym. For example, "Philipp" (real name) in the transcript and the publication would become "Daniel" (pseudonym), or "Charlotte" (real name) in the transcript and the publication would become "Sophia" (pseudonym). Transcripts are stored in encrypted digital form on secure KIT servers. Only KIT staff involved in the study have access to these.

All data collected in the course of the study will be treated as strictly confidential and will be further pseudonymised - i.e. given a number code generated by you - and stored, processed and evaluated. This ensures that no conclusions can be drawn about you. A table is created that allows the numerical code to be assigned to a specific person (surname, first name). This allocation table and the consent form are kept separately from the research data and only in paper form. Only the study management has access to the allocation table.

The allocation table including the contact data and the consent form will be destroyed immediately after the end of the study, so that it is no longer possible to allocate the data to your person. The numerical code is then also removed from the research data. The research data will be stored for a period of ten years.

The study results are published in aggregated form. Since the data is primarily processed qualitatively (content analysis / thematic analysis), individual quotations can also be used.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You will not suffer any disadvantage if you decide not to participate in the study. Even if you have signed the consent form, you can cancel your participation at any time with or without
giving reasons. If you so wish, the data collected will be deleted in whole or in part. This is only possible until the time of deletion of the allocation table and the contact data. Afterwards, the data can no longer be assigned to individual persons.

6. Recipients

As a matter of principle, your personal data will not be passed on to third parties.

If, in exceptional cases, it should be necessary for external service providers to process personal data on our behalf, they will be carefully selected by us and contractually obligated. The service providers in question work exclusively according to our instructions. We ensure this through strict contractual regulations, technical and organisational measures and additional controls.

Personal data is not transferred to third countries outside the EU or the EEA or to an international organisation. Automated decision-making including profiling does not take place.

7. Storage duration

The allocation table including the contact data as well as the consent form will be destroyed immediately after the study has been completed. The research data will be stored for a period of ten years.

8. Rights

You have the following rights in relation to personal data concerning you:

- The right to obtain confirmation as to whether data relating to you is being processed and to obtain information about the data processed, further information about the data processing and copies of the data (Art. 15 GDPR),
- The right to have inaccurate or incomplete data corrected or completed (Art. 16 GDPR),
- Right to erasure of data concerning you without delay (Art. 17 GDPR),
- Right to restriction of processing (Art. 18 GDPR),
- Right to receive the data concerning you and provided by you, as well as to have this data transferred to other data controllers (Art. 20 GDPR).

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority about the processing of personal data concerning you by the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) (Article 77 of the GDPR). The supervisory authority within the meaning of Article 51(1) of the GDPR with regard to KIT is, pursuant to Section 25(1) of the LDSG.
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