

## Statement about data protection and complete confidentiality of your data

The Nuremberg Institute of Technology (TH Nuernberg) and the Competence Centre KoSIMA conduct the surveys “*TH Student Satisfaction Monitor*” and “*Study with a Plan*” in accordance with legally required data protection regulations (EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG)) for scientific research and for the purpose of improving the system for ensuring quality in teaching and successful studying according to Section 10 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (§ 10 BayHschG).

The Nuremberg Institute of Technology and the researchers involved in the studies are responsible for data protection during the course of the surveys. **Participation in the surveys is voluntary. No disadvantages will result if students do not participate. However, the validity of the survey results depends to a great extent on the participation of all students.**

Please note that personal data are processed during the evaluation of the surveys according to Section 10 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (§ 10 BayHSchG) and there is a public interest in the underlying research projects regarding increasing the success of studying in accordance with Article 6, Section 1 e) in conjunction with Article 89 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your responses to the questionnaires will be treated with the **utmost confidentiality**. All data are evaluated **anonymously**. **This means that all the results are displayed in aggregated (summarised) form only. The results do not allow conclusions about the responses of individual persons.**

In the context of scientific publications based on anonymised results, the researchers involved comply with the guidelines of good scientific practice such as those stipulated by the German Research Foundation (DFG) or the German Economic Association (GEA) in Germany, the European Economic Association (EEA) in Europe or the American Economic Association (AEA) in the USA. In particular, the authors comply with the ‘Data Availability Policy’ of the GEA, EEA, and AEA (versions dated 10 August 2020). Your personal data will be deleted as soon as the research has reached an appropriate stage.

**If you are under the age of 18, please show this information to your parents or guardians and ask them for their approval.**

If you have any questions, please contact the university’s Data Protection Officer:

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In addition, the Ethics Committee of the University of Erfurt has issued a positive statement on the research projects of which the surveys are part.

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**Many thanks for your participation and support.**