

International Fiscal Association

Privacy Statement

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1 Who are we?

Established in 1938 in the Hague, the Netherlands, the International Fiscal Association (IFA) is the only non-governmental and non-sectoral international organisation dealing with fiscal matters. IFA is a neutral, independent, non-lobby organisation and as such the only global network of its kind. As a non-profit organisation, IFA provides a neutral and independent platform where representatives of all professions and interests can meet and discuss international tax issues at the highest level. IFA's objects are the study and advancement of international and comparative law in regard to public finance, specifically international and comparative fiscal law and the financial and economic aspects of taxation. IFA seeks to achieve these objects through its Annual IFA Congress and the scientific publications relating thereto as well as through other events and scientific research.

IFA is incorporated as a *Vereniging* (association) with full legal capacity under Dutch laws and is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under number 40407049.

IFA has grown to a truly global association with 13,000 members from 114 countries. IFA has 71 Branches worldwide (IFA Branches), which operate as legally separate entities. For members in countries where an IFA Branch has not been yet established, IFA facilitates direct membership.

In 2024, IFA incorporated IFA events and publications B.V. (IFA BV), as a fully-owned subsidiary. The objects of IFA BV are *inter alia* to organise, manage, promote and run the Annual IFA Congress, as well as other (online) congresses, seminars, conferences and events which are available in particular but not exclusively to members of IFA; and to produce, market, publish and license books, e-books, audiobooks, podcasts, webinars, online courses, apps, blogs, newsletters, videos and other digital or paper publications which are available particularly but not exclusively to members of IFA.

IFA BV is incorporated as *Besloten Vennootschap* (comparable with Private Limited Liability Company) under Dutch laws and is registered with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce under number 95776915.

IFA and IFA BV (hereinafter collectively referred to as "IFA", "we", "our", or "us") act as joint controllers for the processing of your personal data. Additionally, the IFA Branches act as independent data controllers in relation to the personal data of IFA members.

To deliver our services effectively, we process certain personal data. We are dedicated to protecting your privacy and handling your personal information transparently and responsibly.

This Privacy Statement explains how we process the personal data of IFA members, prospective members, relations, event participants, and users of the IFA App.

It outlines:

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If you wish, you can also download our full Privacy Statement by clicking this [link](#).

If you have any questions after reviewing this Privacy Statement, please contact us using the details provided at the end of this document.

To whom does this Privacy Statement apply?

This Privacy Statement applies to the personal data we process in connection with your interactions with us, including your use of the secured members Global IFA website and the IFA Society App. It also covers the personal data we process for the categories of individuals mentioned below (collectively referred to as "data subjects").

The type of personal data we process depends on your interactions with us. If you fall into multiple categories, the relevant sections will apply to you accordingly.

- **IFA members**
This includes all individuals and representatives of corporates who are registered members of IFA. Where certain provisions apply only to specific groups of IFA members—such as those (potentially) serving on IFA governance bodies and Committees or as IFA event speakers—this will be clearly indicated.
- **Prospective members (prospective members)**
Individuals and representatives of corporates who have expressed interest in becoming members of IFA but have not yet completed the registration process.
- **Relations (relations)**
Individuals who are not (yet) members of IFA but are engaged in IFA activities, such as branch officers, national reporters for the IFA Cahiers, IFA event speakers, IFA's suppliers and service providers as well as IFA's sponsors and exhibitors.
- **Event participants (event participants)**
This category includes:
Individuals and representatives of corporate IFA members participating in IFA events.
Non-IFA members attending IFA events.
Non-IFA members participating in IFA events as speakers, award winners, or in other official capacities.
- **Users of IFA App (IFA App users)**
Individuals who use the IFA App, including IFA members, event participants, and other authorized users.

3 What personal data do we process about you?

In the course of our activities, we process different categories of personal data depending on your relationship with us (e.g., IFA member, prospective member, relation, event participant, or IFA app user). The table below outlines the types of personal data we collect and process for each category.

| Data categories: | IFA members: | Prospective members: | Relations: | Event participants: | IFA App users: |
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| 1. Personal Identification & Contact Details | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, title, gender • Date of birth or age group • Contact details: (mobile) phone number, e-mail address, correspondence address (work or private) • Copy of passport or other identification document (only for members of IFA's governance bodies) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, title, gender • Date of birth or age group • Contact details: (mobile) phone number, e-mail address, correspondence address (work or private) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, title, gender • Date of birth or age group • Contact details: (mobile) phone number, e-mail address, correspondence address (work or private) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, title, gender • Contact details: (mobile) phone number, email address, correspondence address (work or private) • Emergency contact details | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, title • Address • Contact details: (mobile phone number, email address) (optional) |
| 2. Professional Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name, professional position, country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name, professional position, country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name, professional position, country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name, professional position, country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name, professional position, country (optional) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV, education, training, and qualifications • Letters of recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV, education, training, and qualifications • Letters of recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV, education, training, and qualifications • Letters of recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CV, education, training, and qualifications | |
| 3. Membership & Participation Data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFA Branch and/or IFA Region • Participation in IFA events (past and current) • Administration number(s) and login data • Position at one of IFA governance bodies and/or Committees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFA Branch and/or IFA Region | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in IFA events (past and current) • Position at one of IFA governance bodies and/or Committees • Administration number(s) and login data • IFA Branch and/or IFA Region | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration number(s) • YIN or WIN membership | <i>Not applicable</i> |
| 4. Financial Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial details such as applicable membership rates • Payment behaviour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial details such as applicable membership rates | <i>Not applicable</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billing details: VAT/Tax number or passport number, billing address • Banking details (e.g., bank account number, credit card number) | <i>Not applicable</i> |

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| 5. Event Participation & Role | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker in prior IFA events | <i>Not applicable</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker in prior IFA events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation details (during the event) • Photos, video captions, speeches, session recordings (audio or video) • Dietary requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual sessions attended and duration of attendance • Chat messages and chat participation for sessions and topics • Social wall posts and comments • Questions, votes, and ratings submitted in sessions • Moderated sessions • Bookmarks of program items • Notes taken • Appointments created (with or without other users) • Contacts made with other users |
| 6. IFA App Activity & Usage | <i>Not applicable</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password (encrypted) • Biography and picture (optional) • Social media handles, website URL (optional) |

4 For which purposes do we process your personal data and what are the legal grounds?

We process your personal data for specific purposes related to the services and activities we provide. These purposes ensure we can effectively manage memberships, organize events, communicate with members, and comply with legal obligations, among other activities.

The table below outlines the key purposes for which we process your personal data, along with a description of how we use it. It also specifies the legal grounds for each processing activity, as required by data protection laws.

| Purpose: | Legal Grounds: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Management & Communication: Managing and administering memberships, communicating with (prospective) IFA members (including sending IFA’s newsletters and dealing with inquiries and requests from (prospective) IFA members), and providing access to the secured section of IFA’s website. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance of a contract or entering into such contract, for example when signing up for IFA membership Consent Legitimate interests |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Organization & Participation: Organizing, managing, and hosting events, tracking participation in IFA events, dealing with inquiries and requests from event participants, providing benefits to event participants (such as IFA App, invitation to events organised by sponsors) and evaluating the merits of candidacy for speakers (the latter only for individuals nominated as speakers). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance of a contract or entering into such contract, for example when joining one of IFA events Legitimate interests |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFA Governance Bodies & Committee Involvement: Evaluating the merits of candidacy for IFA governance bodies and Committees, inclusion on the (secured section of) IFA's website, and for IFA members holding governance positions enabling the general administration/carrying out of IFA’s operations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance of a contract Legitimate interests |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance & Organizational Integrity: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with legal/statutory obligations Legitimate interests |

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| <p>Enforcing company regulations and complying with statutory and competent authority obligations, conducting internal reporting, accounting, and auditing.</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys & Research: Organizing surveys to gather insights and improve IFA's activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent • Legitimate interests |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out IFA's Operations Administering orders and accounts relating to IFA's suppliers and service providers and sponsorship of IFA events. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of a contract • Consent • Legitimate interests |

5 How long do we retain your personal data for?

We will not retain your personal data longer than necessary for the purposes for which it was processed. This means that, in principle, your personal data will be retained only for as long as required to fulfil the purposes outlined in this Privacy Statement.

The personal data of prospective members are deleted two years after the last contact, unless we have a statutory obligation to retain the data. In order to comply with accounting and tax regulations, we keep records for all transactions (e.g., IFA event registration, IFA membership) for 7 years, including for members who have been deleted, event participants, IFA Award winners and suppliers, service providers, sponsors and exhibitors. Data of speakers at IFA events are deleted 15 years following the end of the year in which the last IFA event in which they acted as speaker took place.

6 Who has access to your personal data?

In addition to the IFA organisation, including its governance bodies and Committees, your personal data may be processed by other recipients working for or on behalf of IFA on a need-to-know basis for the purposes outlined above. We also engage third-party service providers who act as joint data controllers or data processors, such as those providing hosting services. In all cases, we ensure that appropriate data processor agreements are in place to comply with applicable data protection laws.

7 Will your personal data be transferred to third countries?

Your personal data may be transferred to third countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) that do not offer an adequate protection regime. In such cases, we ensure your data is subject to an equivalent level of protection as it would be within the EEA.

If your personal data is transferred to a third country without an adequate protection regime, we take the necessary steps to ensure its security and compliance with this privacy statement and applicable laws. You can contact us using the details below if you would like more information about the safeguards we have implemented to protect your data when transferred to a third country that does not offer an adequate protection.

8 How do we secure your personal data?

We take the security of your personal data seriously and are committed to implementing appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect it from loss, misuse, or unauthorized alteration.

To ensure the security of your personal data, we have implemented the following measures:

- Promoting security awareness among new and existing employees.
- Concluding confidentiality agreements and data processing contracts with relevant parties.

- Assessing whether data minimization is possible by achieving the same objectives with less personal data.
- Restricting access to personal data to authorized individuals only.
- Clearly defining decision-making processes and the underlying considerations for each data processing activity.
- Ensuring logical and physical security, including equipment protection (e.g., safe, doorman, firewall, and network segmentation).
- Implementing technical controls for authorization management, with logs kept for monitoring purposes.
- Keeping software up to date, including browsers, virus scanners, and operating systems, to safeguard against vulnerabilities.

These measures are continuously reviewed to ensure the highest standards of data security.

What are your rights as a data subject and how can you exercise them?

As a data subject, you have rights concerning the processing of your personal data.

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- **Right of access:** You have the right to ask us if we are processing your personal data and, if we do, provide you with a copy of that personal data.
- **Right to rectification:** You have the right to rectify your personal data if you believe that the personal data we have about you is incomplete or inaccurate.
- **Right to deletion:** You have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal data in some circumstances.
- **Right to restriction of processing:** You have the right to ask us to temporarily stop the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances.
- **Right to data portability:** You have the right to obtain personal data you have provided to us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format in certain circumstances.
- **Right to object:** You have the right to ask us to stop processing your personal data in some circumstances.
- **Right to withdraw your consent:** You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time, if we rely on your consent as a legal basis for the processing of your personal data. This will not affect the lawfulness of our prior processing of your personal data.
- **Right to file a complaint with the national data protection authority:** You have the right to file a complaint with your [national data protection authority](#).

To exercise any of these rights, you may send us a request using the contact details stated at the bottom of this Privacy Statement. We will ensure that your request will be handled with care and in line with the applicable data protection rules.

Changes to the Privacy Statement

We may update this Privacy Statement from time to time to reflect changes in our practices, legal requirements, or for other operational reasons. The date of the latest update will always be indicated at the top of the statement.

Contact details

Please contact us if you have any further questions or if you would like to exercise any of your rights.

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