

# Declaration of data protection and of absolute confidentiality of your details

## Purpose of data collection

We are contacting you because the Research Centre of the Federal Agency for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) together with the University of Bielefeld is conducting the scientific study 'Resettlement: Living Conditions in the First Refugee State and in Germany'. This study will help gain knowledge about the living conditions of people who have come to Germany with the Federal Resettlement Programme or the Humanitarian Admission Programme for Turkey. And this will help examine which perspectives of social participation are achieved by the programme. The findings should also help in the further development of the programmes. The invitation to the study serves the public interest in conducting a representative study within scientific social research. The addresses and names have been transferred on the basis of Section 24a (1, 2) of the AZRG from the Central Register of Foreign Nationals and from the immigration authorities to the BAMF Research Centre (BAMF-FZ) and from there to the Ipsos research institute, which is conducting the survey on behalf of the BAMF.

Your participation in the study is **voluntary** and based on your consent. **You will not be at any advantage or disadvantage owing to your participation or non-participation.** If you participate and would prefer not to answer some questions for personal reasons, you can select the 'Cannot / would not like to answer' option.

## Your rights

If you declare your consent for data collection within the scope of this survey, you can withdraw it at any time in the future without indicating a reason, and without there being any consequences. Until your withdrawal, the data processing remains lawful. You can refuse the further use of your personal data for the study (Article 7 of the GDPR). You will not have to bear any other costs except for the postage costs.

### **To withdraw your consent, kindly send your withdrawal by post or email to:**

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Research Centre Migration, Integration and Asylum – Research field I  
Frankenstr. 210, D-90461 Nürnberg  
**Email:** [resettlement-forschung@bamf.bund.de](mailto:resettlement-forschung@bamf.bund.de)

For the 'Resettlement: Living conditions in the first refugee state and in Germany' study, the BAMF-FZ and the Ipsos GmbH research institute shall jointly bear the data protection responsibility. All legal requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and of the Federal Data Protection Act are met.

**On request, the institutions involved give you information about the contact data available there, and rectify or delete it or limit the processing upon your request** (Article 15 ff of the GDPR). **Additionally, we would like to make you aware of the legal right of appeal with a supervisory authority** (Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and the Freedom of Information (BfDI)).

## Anonymity of the survey data and data protection

Targeted personal evaluation is not done at any point. The data is only evaluated anonymously and **exclusively for scientific purposes**. Your details from the questionnaire are only saved under a code number, separately from your name and contact details. The code number has been previously created by BAMF-FZ and conveyed to Ipsos together with your name and address.

The results of the survey are **evaluated and presented without name and contact details**. This means: From the published results, nobody can identify which person has provided these details.

Upon completion of the study, exclusively anonymised survey data is stored in the research centre of the BAMF (BAMF-FDZ) in line with good scientific practice, and provided for further scientific purposes in research and teaching. No data that could be used to draw personal conclusions about you will be forwarded to third parties.

At the back side of this declaration, we explain what other consents you can give during the survey, and we show you the path of your data from the interview up to the fully anonymous results table.

### Separate consent for integration with Data from the Central Register of Foreign Nationals (AZR)

For research purposes, we would additionally like to integrate your survey data with your official register data. This data involves information about you that the BAMF and the immigration authority have saved since your entry within Germany. This data is saved in the Central Register of Foreign Nationals (AZR). With this additional data, we can, for example, investigate which residence permits contribute to improving the living situation of people who have come to Germany under the Federal Resettlement Programme or the Humanitarian Admission Programme for Turkey.

The law only allows for the integration of information from both the survey and the AZR if your express consent has been given, which we would like to request from you in the survey. The integration takes place exclusively with the BAMF-FZ. The data from the AZR concerns information relevant to immigration law. This includes information about your entry, your reporting status and residence status since your entry, residence requirements, your passport type and possible asylum status. In addition, all information that you have provided to us within the scope of this survey is used. **This consent is also voluntary – you will not be at any advantage or disadvantage based on whether you give your consent or not.**

If you consent to the data integration, Ipsos conveys your code number to BAMF-FZ, which enables BAMF-FZ to identify your data in the AZR. The details from the survey and the AZR are then linked in BAMF-FZ through the code number, but without your name and contact details. This can take place with AZR-data from 2025 and 2026. Only an anonymised data set without a code number is used for further processing.

### Separate consent to address storage for recontact

We are planning additional surveys of persons who have come to Germany with the Federal Resettlement Programme or the Humanitarian Admission Programme for Turkey; we would like to contact you once again in connection with the same. Your address is only saved in BAMF-FZ for re-contact if you consent to it in the survey. If you additionally indicate your email address and mobile number, these will also be saved and used to make it easier to contact you.

If you consent to be re-contacted, Ipsos sends to BAMF-FZ your code number with any additional contact details (updated address, telephone number or email). The contact details are never linked with your details from the survey, and are saved separately from the data set used for the analysis.

If you consent to be re-contacted, Ipsos sends your responses from this survey in an additional data set together with your code number to the BAMF-FZ. This serves to summarise your responses in case of a follow-up survey over the course of time. The BAMF-FZ saves these responses separately from the contact details and the data that is evaluated scientifically.

**Participation in further surveys is again voluntary and not associated with any obligation.** You can withdraw or terminate your consent at any time. Your address will then be immediately deleted. We comply with the provisions of data protection and ensure that your address details are not forwarded to third parties. In the absence of any follow-up survey, your address details and code number will be deleted after 5 years at the latest.

If you do not give consent, your existing address details will be deleted upon completion of the survey.

### **What happens to your details?**

1. Your details from the questionnaire are only saved under a code number, separately from your name and contact details.
2. Only if you expressly agree that the information can be merged with the register data will it be done using the code number.
3. All responses will be evaluated without names, contact details or code numbers. For example, all answers about family status will be counted and the percentage result will then be calculated.
4. The overall findings and results for sub-groups (e.g. men and women) will be represented in a tabular form. Details of individual persons are not identifiable in the results tables.
5. Your name and contact details will always be stored separately from the questionnaire data. Upon completion of the study, this data with BAMF-FZ will be deleted. Your name and contact details will only be stored by the BAMF-FZ if you consent to the storage and transmission of your address for the purpose of subsequent repeat interviews.
6. Ipsos appoints outsourced processors to send the postal dispatch to you and for the translation of your responses.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and for placing your trust in our work!