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Privacy policy

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1. Controller

The controller of your personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679, "GDPR") is the operator of companyformationwiki.com. Contact for data protection matters: see the Legal notice.

2. Data we process

a) Visiting the website

When you open a page, your browser sends technical data to the server: your IP address, the date and time, the page requested, the referring page, and your browser and operating system. Our hosting provider processes this data to deliver the page and to protect the service against attacks and abuse.

- **Purpose:** delivering the website and keeping it secure.
- **Legal basis:** Article 6(1)(f) GDPR (our legitimate interest in operating a secure website).
- **Retention:** server logs are kept by the hosting provider only for a short period for operation and security, and are then deleted.

b) Contacting us

If you email us, we process your email address, name (if given) and the content of your message to answer you.

- **Legal basis:** Article 6(1)(f) GDPR (answering enquiries); Article 6(1)(b) GDPR where your message relates to a contract.
- **Retention:** until your enquiry is resolved, then for as long as needed to document it or as required by law, normally no longer than 3 years.

b2) Chatting with us on WhatsApp

The “Chat with us” button opens WhatsApp, a service of WhatsApp Ireland Limited (Meta). Our pages do not load any WhatsApp code; nothing is sent to WhatsApp unless you click the button. If you write to us there, WhatsApp processes your phone number, profile name and messages under its own privacy policy, and we process them to answer you (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR, or 6(1)(b) where your message relates to a contract). We delete chats once your question is resolved, normally within 12 months, unless we must keep them longer by law. WhatsApp may transfer data outside the EEA; see WhatsApp’s privacy policy.

c) Booking a consultation or sending an inquiry

When you book a private consultation or send an inquiry through our consultation page, we process: your name, email address, the topic, your message, the chosen appointment time and your time zone, and, only if you provide them, your phone number, company and country of interest. Each request gets a reference number (for example CFW-2026-0001). We also store a one-way hash of your IP address to prevent spam and abuse.

- **Purpose:** arranging and holding the consultation, answering your inquiry, and preventing abuse.
- **Legal basis:** Article 6(1)(b) GDPR (steps at your request before entering into a contract); Article 6(1)(f) GDPR for answering general inquiries and preventing abuse.
- **Retention:** the IP hash is deleted after 30 days. Requests are deleted 24 months after they are closed, unless a longer period is required by law (for example accounting records if a paid service follows) or needed to establish or defend legal claims.
- **Who sees it:** only the people who handle consultations. It is stored in a separate database from the encyclopedia content. We do not use third-party booking or form services.

c2) Suggesting an edit or reporting content

When you use “Suggest an edit” we process: the article concerned, the type of suggestion, your message, any quoted text and source link, and, only if you provide them, your name and email address. We also store a one-way hash of your IP address to prevent spam and abuse; it cannot be turned back into your IP address.

- **Purpose:** reviewing and acting on your suggestion, replying to you, crediting you by name if you ask, handling reports of illegal content under the EU Digital Services Act, and preventing abuse.
- **Legal basis:** Article 6(1)(f) GDPR (our legitimate interest in keeping the encyclopedia accurate and the service free of abuse); Article 6(1)(c) GDPR for handling notices of illegal content.
- **Retention:** the IP hash is deleted after 30 days. Suggestions are deleted 12 months after a decision, unless we need them longer to establish or defend legal claims. If you are credited, your name stays on the article until you ask us to remove it.
- **Who sees it:** only our editors. Your email address is never published.

d) Visitor statistics (only with your consent)

If you click **Accept** in the cookie banner, we load Google Tag Manager, which runs Google Analytics 4. It records which pages are viewed, how you arrived (for example from a search engine), your approximate location (country or city, derived from your IP address), device and browser type, and a random identifier stored in a cookie. Google Analytics 4 does not log or store IP addresses. We use this only to understand which articles are useful; we do not combine it with other data or use it for advertising. Advertising and personalisation storage stay disabled.

- **Legal basis:** your consent, Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, and Article 5(3) of the ePrivacy Directive as implemented in Polish law (Article 399 of the Electronic Communications Law).
- **Withdrawing consent:** at any time through **Cookie settings** at the bottom of every page. Withdrawal does not affect processing before it.
- **Retention:** statistics are kept for 14 months, then deleted automatically.
- **Provider:** Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Ireland, acting as our processor; data may be transferred to Google LLC in the USA (see section 4).

If you click **Reject**, or close nothing, no statistics script is loaded and no cookie is set.

e) Search on the site

Site search runs entirely in your browser. Your search terms are not sent to us or to anyone else.

3. What we do not do

- No cookies or similar technologies without your consent, apart from storing your cookie choice (see the Cookie policy).
- No ad networks, remarketing, tracking pixels or social media plug-ins; no analytics without your consent.
- Ads from other companies are part of our own pages: their images are served from our domain, no script or cookie is loaded from the advertiser, and we share no data about you with them. If you click an ad, you go to the advertiser's website, whose own privacy policy then applies; it can see only that you came from our site.
- No third-party fonts or content delivery networks: fonts, flags and images are served from our own domain.
- No profiling or automated decision-making within the meaning of Article 22 GDPR.
- We do not sell personal data.

4. Recipients and processors

We use these processors, each under a data processing agreement:

- **Netlify, Inc.** (USA): hosts the website. Netlify is certified under the EU–U.S. Data Privacy Framework, which the European Commission has recognised as providing an adequate level of protection (Article 45 GDPR).
- **Railway** and **MongoDB**: host our editorial system and databases, which store articles, the suggestions you send, and consultation requests.
- **Google Ireland Limited** (Ireland) and **Google LLC** (USA): Google Tag Manager and Google Analytics 4, only if you consent. Google LLC is certified under the EU–U.S. Data Privacy Framework.

Where personal data is transferred outside the European Economic Area, we rely on an adequacy decision or on the European Commission's Standard Contractual Clauses.

We may disclose data to public authorities only where the law requires it.

5. Your rights

Under the GDPR you have the right to: access your data (Art. 15); rectification (Art. 16); erasure (Art. 17); restriction of processing (Art. 18); data portability (Art. 20); and to **object** at any time to processing based on our legitimate interests (Art. 21). To exercise these rights, contact us.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the EU Member State where you live or work. For us, the lead authority is the President of the Personal Data Protection Office (Prezes Urzędu Ochrony Danych Osobowych, UODO) .

6. Do you have to provide data?

No. You can read the site without providing any personal data beyond the technical data needed to deliver pages. Suggesting edits and contacting us are voluntary; name and email are optional, except for reports of illegal content, where the Digital Services Act requires them.

7. Links to other websites

Articles link to official registries and other external sites. Once you follow such a link, the privacy policy of that website applies.

8. Changes

We will update this policy whenever we change how the site processes personal data, for example before adding analytics, a newsletter or public contributions. The date at the top shows the current version.

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