Code of Conduct for Digital Civic Participation

These rules are intended to ensure respectful interaction among participants. By following these rules, you also increase the likelihood that your contributions will be read and supported by your fellow citizens.

- Show respect for other participants and maintain a polite tone. Avoid insults, accusations, and name-calling. Engage in objective discussions.

- First, read the provided information and the contributions of other users. You may find yourself agreeing with an existing opinion, thus saving yourself and us time.

- Written language can easily lead to misunderstandings. Choose meaningful titles and explain your suggestions.

- Observe the rules of spelling and grammar.

- Consider the relevance of the topic of participation and the individual selection categories. We reserve the right to move contributions as part of the moderation process.

- Use the anonymity granted to you responsibly.

- Please use an up-to-date browser to fully utilize this site.

Strict Rules

These rules define which behaviors will not be tolerated here. These rules are mostly legal requirements. The platform is intended to provide a space for respectful exchange and dialogue.

- Do not use the names of other people in your posts and comments. Do not upload photos that depict other people. You are otherwise violating their privacy rights.

- Links to copyrighted content are not permitted.

- Do not incite violence or criminal acts. Posts containing insults, sexual innuendo, sexist, or racist remarks will be deleted immediately.

- Do not post advertisements or chain letters.

- Copyright: Provided you cite the source, it is legal to post short excerpts from copyrighted works for informational purposes. (Textual excerpts must also be enclosed in quotation marks.)

Anything beyond this is illegal. Copyrighted works include, among other things, newspaper articles, song lyrics, programs, images, etc. If your content violates any of these rules or German law, we are obliged to delete this content from the system. In such a case, we will notify you of the violation. Repeated violations of the rules may result in exclusion from the system.