

Terms of Use

Section 1 – Host, content and substance of the services provided

(1) The host of the online presence www.boschalumni.net (referred to hereinbelow as the “Platform”) is the International Alumni Center (iac Berlin) gGmbH., Linienstraße 65a, 10119 Berlin, Germany. The terms and conditions set out below provide for the rights and obligations enjoyed by, respectively incumbent on, the host and each user of the website.

(2) The host is operating the Platform to enable members of the Bosch Alumni Network (referred to hereinbelow as the “users”) to connect and stay in touch across borders, to learn from each other, to create local groups and communities of practice.

Section 2 – Access requirements, registration

(1) Each visitor to the site will be able to view a certain amount of contents from the platform without having to register. What can be viewed publicly is solely decided by the host of the platform.

(2) In order to access the Platform and all of its contents a registration with the Platform is mandatory.

(3) Registration with the Platform is limited to Bosch Alumni fellows and grantees, to staff members of the Robert Bosch Stiftung as well as its partners. The eligible persons may register with the Platform by providing their first and surname, the respective program they have participated, the corresponding cluster, their email address and a password that they themselves have selected. Further information may be added on a voluntary basis. These information, however, are relevant in order to set up a personal profile within the Platform. Where the host accepts the application for registration, the registered user will receive a corresponding confirmation via email.

(4) Only one registration may permissibly be filed per natural person. It is not permissible to register on behalf of third parties. The host reserves the right to terminate any user relationships without notice if they are based on one and the same natural person having registered several times, or having done so on behalf of a third party.

(5) The use of the Platform is free of charge.

Section 3 – Use of the Platform

(1) Registered users may submit contents to the Platform, which will be published on the Platform and visible to other Platform users. Contents can be of various forms, including group-related messages, pictures, videos, event announcements, ideas, or other personal messages.

(2) In submitting contents to the Platform, the user assures that this is based essentially on personal considerations and objectives and that he/she personally authored it or has received permission for its usage.

(3) The user grants the right to the host to publish, reproduce, and make publicly accessible all component parts of the contents (texts, image data, video data, audio and other data),

providing the user's name in so doing, and to otherwise disseminate such component parts both on the Platform and in any printed products that the host may prepare in the context of its idea challenge and/or in order to promote its activities as set out in the statutes. The right is granted as a non-exclusive right that is unlimited in terms of its duration and its geographic extent.

(4) The rights granted pursuant to paragraph 3 also comprise the right to grant said rights to Robert Bosch Stiftung, Heidehofstr. 31, 70184 Stuttgart, Germany, with whom the host collaborates.

(5) The user guarantees to the host that it holds all of the required rights to all component parts of the contents; this concerns in particular the personal rights of persons shown in any photographs or videos submitted. The user releases the host liability for any and all claims that third parties may raise vis-à-vis the host for any potential violation of their rights by the material submitted. This claim to be released from liability also covers the costs, which may need to be incurred in such context, of appropriately reviewing the matter and, should the case arise, of mounting a legal defence, unless the user is not responsible for the objection raised by the third party.

(6) The rights are granted at no charge.

Section 4 – Contributions on the Platform

(1) Registered users have the opportunity to connect and interact with all other Platform users. Users can discuss contents that other users have submitted by posting contributions via the “comments” / “discussion” function of the Platform. Contributions must be in German or in English.

(2) Contributions must be fact-based and neutral in tone; they may not be insulting and may not have content that is prohibited under criminal law or civil law. For further guidelines on communicating on the site, please see our Netiquette, which is available for review online on boschalumni.net.

(3) The granting of rights pursuant to Section 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis to contributions.

Section 5 – Termination of the user relationship

(1) Each user may terminate his or her membership at any given time. To cancel your membership, simply contact the host so they can remove your account - for example by writing an e-mail to support@boschalumni.net.

(2) Users eligible for using the platform who have terminated their user relationship with the host in the past remain eligible for the usage of the platform. Users may register again with the platform at any time.

(3) The termination of a user relationship does not affect the rights granted to the host until that time; instead, these rights shall continue in force. Any rights of the user that are, by law, inalienable, such as the right to revoke the rights granted, shall remain unaffected hereby.

(4) The Platform is being operated for an indefinite period; the users do not have a claim to its term being unlimited.

Section 6 – Liability for content

The processes of the Platform are automated. The host will not review the data submitted, prior to their publication, as to whether or not their content is appropriate and/or factually correct, nor will the host review them for any violations of the law. However, the host enters into obligation to immediately follow up on any specific indications that data are problematic.

Section 7 – Final provisions

(1) The use of the Platform is governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, to the exclusion of the choice of law rules of private international law. This choice of law shall not apply in as much as it would restrict mandatory statutory rights of a consumer having his or her permanent residence abroad.

(2) The host set out in Section 1 hereof is the controller for data protection matters.