

The protection of your personal data is important to us. We process your data in accordance with the applicable data protection laws, in particular the GDPR and the BDSG. Below, we set out what personal data we process in connection with the use of drones:

1 Data controller and data protection officer

The data controller responsible for the processing of personal data is:

GASCADE Gastransport GmbH
Kölnische Straße 108–112
34119 Kassel
Email: kontakt@gascade.de

You can contact our Data Protection Officer at:

GASCADE Gastransport GmbH
Data Protection Officer
Kölnische Straße 108-112
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2 Purpose and legal basis for the processing of personal data

2.1 Drone flights

As a transmission system operator, we are obliged under Section 11(1) of the Energy Industry Act (EnWG) to continuously monitor our facilities and pipelines. This includes both underground and above-ground pipelines, which are regularly inspected by means of drone flights. This involves taking photographs of our transmission routes during the aerial survey, which is carried out in accordance with the technical guidelines set out in DVGW worksheet G 466-1. These aerial surveys are carried out, amongst other things, using drones. Drone flights over our transmission routes are conducted in accordance with the applicable aviation and data protection regulations. The basis for this is the Air Traffic Regulations (LuftVO), which permit exceptions to the overflight ban under certain conditions – for example, where there is no risk to public safety, data protection or nature conservation. During these flights, we primarily record technical installations, pipelines, masts and environmental features such as vegetation or construction work along the route. However, it cannot be ruled out that people or personal information (e.g. vehicles) may also be visible within the area being filmed. To protect your privacy, we ensure that such data – unless required for technical purposes – is obscured or deleted as quickly as possible. In this way, we ensure that the footage is largely anonymised or pseudonymised. The legal basis for the processing, in accordance with Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR, is the fulfilment of the legal obligation to ensure secure network operation, to which GASCADE is subject.

2.2 Documentation and monitoring of construction progress, photography of stations and construction sites, route monitoring

From time to time, we take photographs using drones to document construction progress or our stations and the transmission network in general. Furthermore, it may be necessary to inspect our stations, construction sites or routes in inaccessible areas, such as cultivated farmland. Data processing in this context is carried out on the basis of the controller's legitimate interests in accordance with Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR. Your legitimate interests are taken into account by anonymising or pseudonymising the data collected wherever possible.

2.3 Surveying for 3D modelling of local construction sites/facilities

GASCADE also uses drones to carry out precise surveying of local construction sites and facilities and to create detailed 3D models from this data for the planning, documentation and monitoring of infrastructure projects. This processing is also carried out on the basis of the controller's legitimate interest in accordance with Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR. Your legitimate interests are taken into account by anonymising or pseudonymising the data collected for this purpose as far as possible.

3 Data categories

It is possible that the data processed in the context of drone flights may relate to natural persons. This includes:

- Address details (e.g. of property owners)
- Vehicle registration numbers
- Photographs and video footage (possibly including infrared images) of the technical installations and their surroundings
- Possible activities of individuals in the vicinity of the technical installations

4 Recipients/disclosure of personal data

We will only disclose your personal data to third parties if:

- this is permitted by law and necessary, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR, to fulfil a contractual relationship with you,
- there is a legal obligation to disclose the data under Article 6(1)(c) of the GDPR,
- the disclosure is necessary under Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR to safeguard legitimate business interests and to establish, exercise or defend legal claims, and there is no reason to believe that you have an overriding legitimate interest in preventing the disclosure of your data.

5 Retention period and deletion of personal data

We process and store your data only for as long as we need it to fulfil the specific purpose, and delete it once statutory or contractual retention periods have expired. The raw data collected during aerial surveys is processed (e.g. pixelated) without delay where necessary, so that, amongst other things, individuals or vehicle registration numbers are no longer recognisable, and is deleted after a maximum of 10 working days. The processed images from the aerial surveys are generally deleted 10 years after collection, or 3 years after the section of the network is taken out of service.

6 Data subjects' rights

You have the right to access, rectify, erase, restrict the processing of, and object to the processing of your data. Please contact our Data Protection Officer in this regard: datenschutz@gascade.de
You also have the option of contacting the relevant supervisory authority. This is usually the supervisory authority for your usual place of residence, your place of work or our company's registered office.