

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION (AGB)****for the in-person conference of Aidshilfe Schleswig-Holstein e.V.****1. General Provisions**

1.1. These Terms and Conditions govern the legal relationship between the organizer and the participants of the ORCA Summit 2026 conference.

**1.2. Organizer:**

Aidshilfe Schleswig-Holstein e.V. (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”).

1.3. These Terms and Conditions form part of the contract in accordance with §§ 305–310 of the German Civil Code (BGB).

1.4. By registering, the participant accepts these Terms and Conditions.

**2. Conclusion of Contract**

2.1. The publication of the event constitutes an invitation to submit an offer (invitatio ad offerendum).

2.2. Registration by the participant constitutes an offer.

2.3. The contract is concluded upon confirmation by email (§§ 145 et seq. BGB).

**3. Participation**

3.1. Participation is free of charge.

3.2. The Organizer reserves the right to:

- limit the number of participants
- reject registrations without stating reasons in accordance with § 242 BGB

3.3. Transfer of participation to third parties is only permitted with the Organizer’s consent.

3.4. Cancellation:

Participants may cancel their participation at any time; cancellation should be made in writing.

### **3.5. No-show policy:**

In the event of unexcused absence, the Organizer reserves the right to exclude the participant from future events.

## **4. Event Format and Implementation**

4.1. The conference will take place as an in-person event.

4.2. The venue may be changed for valid reasons.

4.3. Participants are obliged to:

- arrive on time
- comply with the venue's house rules
- follow instructions given by the Organizer and staff

4.4. The Organizer exercises domiciliary rights (Hausrecht).

4.5. The Organizer is not liable for:

- late arrival
- transport issues
- travel and accommodation costs

This does not apply to participants with approved financial support (scholarships), where separately regulated.

## **5. Program Changes and Cancellation**

5.1. The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to:

- the program
- speakers
- schedule

5.2. In the event of cancellation:

- participants will be informed without delay
- no further claims shall arise (§§ 275, 326 BGB)

## **6. Liability**

6.1. The Organizer shall be liable in cases of:

- intent and gross negligence (§ 276 BGB)
- injury to life, body, or health (§ 309 No. 7 BGB)

6.2. In cases of slight negligence, liability is limited to breaches of essential contractual obligations.

6.3. No liability is assumed for:

- third-party services
- external service providers

6.4. Participants are responsible for their own conduct.

6.5. The Organizer accepts no liability for personal belongings.

6.6. Participation is at the participant's own risk.

## **7. Health and Safety**

7.1. Participants must comply with applicable safety and hygiene regulations.

7.2. Instructions from staff must be followed.

7.3. The Organizer assumes no liability for health risks outside its area of responsibility.

## **8. Language of the Event**

8.1. The event will primarily be conducted in English.

8.2. Translation services are not guaranteed.

8.3. Participants are responsible for their own understanding of the content.

## **9. Data Protection**

9.1. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

9.2. Purpose of processing:

- organization of the event
- communication with participants

9.3. Further details are set out in a separate privacy policy.

## **10. Photo, Video and Audio Recording**

10.1. Photo, video and audio recordings may be made during the event.

10.2. This includes:

- presentations
- discussions
- audience

10.3. Purposes:

- documentation
- public communication
- educational purposes
- promotion

10.4. Legal basis:

- Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR
- §§ 22, 23 German Art Copyright Act (KUG)

10.5. Participants will be informed on site.

10.6. Right to object:

Participants may object in writing at any time.

The Organizer will take reasonable measures.

Complete removal of already published content cannot be guaranteed for technical reasons.

10.7. In group recordings, complete exclusion cannot be guaranteed.

10.8. Speakers agree to recording unless otherwise agreed.

10.9. Use by participants:

Participants may use recordings for non-commercial purposes only.

The following must be indicated:

- name of the event
- date
- location
- Organizer: Aidshilfe Schleswig-Holstein e.V.

Publication without this information is not permitted.

Commercial use or misleading representation is prohibited.

## **11. Anonymous Testing**

11.1. A voluntary anonymous testing service may be offered during the event.

11.2. This service is:

- free of charge
- voluntary

11.3. No identification of participants takes place.

11.4. Results are communicated orally only.

11.5. Participation is based on verbal consent.

11.6. No personal data is stored.

11.7. The testing does not constitute comprehensive medical diagnostics.

## **12. Code of Conduct**

12.1. The event is a safe and discrimination-free space.

12.2. Discrimination, harassment, or stigmatization of any kind is prohibited.

12.3. Violations may result in exclusion from the event without compensation.

## **13. Sponsorship and Independence**

Sponsors have no influence on the content, program, or scientific direction of the event.

## **14. Copyright**

All event content is protected by copyright.

Use, reproduction, or distribution is only permitted with the Organizer's consent.

## **15. Force Majeure**

The Organizer shall not be liable for cancellations or restrictions due to force majeure (§ 275 BGB).

## **16. Applicable Law and Jurisdiction**

German law shall apply.

Place of jurisdiction: Kiel.

## **17. Final Provisions**

If individual provisions are invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions remains unaffected (§ 306 BGB).

## **18. Scholarships and Funding**

18.1. Scholarships are granted at the Organizer's discretion without obligation to provide reasons.

18.2. Scope and type of funding are determined individually.

18.3. No liability is assumed for:

- visa issuance
- entry requirements
- personal travel obstacles