Terms of Use for the Alumniportal Miniweb

1. General information on the Alumniportal Miniweb

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as the consortium manager for the Alumniportal Deutschland (www.alumniportal-deutschland.org), operates the top level domain www.alumniportal.com. Partners of the Alumniportal Deutschland have the option to construct a so-called Alumniportal Miniweb under the domain alumniportal.com and to operate alumni relevant websites.

The Alumniportal Miniweb is a software solution for the generation of alumni websites. In a modular system, various formats of content presentation can be chosen, such as an article module or a picture gallery. In this way, an individual alumni website can be generated, using the standard design of the Alumniportal Deutschland.

2. Application for an Alumniportal Miniweb

The use of an Alumniportal Miniweb must be applied for with the GIZ in writing, using the form “Application Alumniportal Miniweb”. By signing the application, users accept these terms of use and undertake to comply with them.

It is a prerequisite for the use of the Alumniportal Miniweb that users are running a group in the online community on www.alumniportal-deutschland.org, in which they offer community activities related to their alumni work.

Applicants can choose an individual subdomain. Since these will be set up under the top level domain of alumniportal.com, the Alumniportal Miniwebs will always be named following this pattern: projectname.alumniportal.com

In the application forms, users will state their requested subdomain and give a short description of the future content and the target group of their Alumniportal Miniweb.

Although there is no legal claim to the assignment of a requested subdomain, the operator will try to consider the applicants’ wishes wherever possible. Applicants confirm that the use of the subdomains requested will not infringe on the rights of third parties.

The operators of the Alumniportal Deutschland do not accept liability for the availability of the users’ requested subdomain and/or for the fact that assigned subdomains are free of third parties’ rights or will be available permanently.

As long as users of a subdomain have not yet provided any content, the Alumniportal Deutschland is entitled to redirect the subdomain to alumniportal-deutschland.org.

A further prerequisite for establishing an Alumniportal Miniweb is the provision of users’ logos in a .gif-format. These images should be of good quality while being of
minimal file-size. Logos may not be broader than 200 pixels; their height is variable and not limited.

If all prerequisites are met, the Alumniportal Deutschland’s operators will issue a written authorization for the use of the requested subdomain and for the generation of an Alumniportal Miniweb.

The initial technical setup will be effected by the GIZ’s Alumniportal Deutschland team. Following this, all necessary access data and passwords will be provided to the users. Users are obliged to keep these passwords secret and to inform the operators immediately if they should learn that passwords have become known to unauthorized third parties.

3. Design of the Alumniportal Miniweb

Users will be provided with a so-called frontend editor, which they can use to organise their content. Individual navigation points are also freely selectable. However, users are not entitled to change the Alumniportal Miniweb’s basic design. This is particularly important in the case of the Alumniportal Deutschland’s logo. This logo is a fixed component of these pages and may not be altered.

At the background of the webpages is the editorial system Typo3. Further details on design options and functions of the Alumniportal Miniweb have been compiled in the editors’ manual, which is at users’ disposal electronically and to print out.

The basic features of the Alumniportal Miniweb are only available in German. Users are entitled, however, to set up their individual Alumniportal Miniwebs in other languages than German.

The operators of the Alumniportal Deutschland reserve the right to modify, expand or discontinue individual features of the Alumniportal Miniweb if necessary.

Users are obliged to design their Alumniportal Miniweb so as to avoid excessive strain on the server (as, for instance, through CGI-scripts, which require high processing power and above average storage capacity).

Users are authorized to carry out data backup following good technical practice. They may produce the necessary backup copies of the programmes.

All legal data protection regulations and the Alumniportal Deutschland’s data privacy policy (http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org/en/services/privacyhtml.html) are to be observed.

4. Content of the Alumniportal Miniweb

Using the Alumniportal Miniweb is free of charge. Users may not provide services that are intended to generate a profit on their Alumniportal Miniweb, or have others provide such services.
Users bear full personal responsibility for contents displayed on their Alumniportal Miniwebs (including banners, the name of their email address, use of images and texts, etc). They are personally liable for the fact that the contents of their Alumniportal Miniwebs do not violate legal prohibitions, social standards or the rights of third parties (laws of trademark rights, name protection, copyrights and data protection). Users are particularly forbidden to publish content of a pornographic, seditious or otherwise illegal nature.

Users are obliged to designate the contents of their Alumniportal Miniweb as their own content by stating their full name and address. Users are also asked to note that there may be a further requirement for labelling their content, e.g. if the webpages feature teleservices or media services. Users will indemnify the operators of the Alumniportal Deutschland from all claims which will result from the violation of any of the above mentioned obligations.

Users are not authorized to use, copy, process, transfer or circulate the editorial system Typo3 in any other way than described in the editors’ manual. In particular, they are not authorized to rent or lease the programme out or to grant sublicenses.

Users may only install such community applications on their Alumniportal Miniwebs as are provided by the Alumniportal Deutschland.

Should the operators become aware of any legal violations, they are entitled to suspend users’ Alumniportal Miniwebs in parts or in their entirety.

5. Technical alterations of the Alumniportal Miniwebs

The pages of Alumniportal Miniwebs are stored on the server of the Alumniportal Deutschland, which is operated by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

It may become necessary to move the partners’ Alumniportal Miniweb onto another server, which may result in technically motivated disruptions. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the server containing the Alumniportal Miniweb will permanently maintain the same IP-address.

Users are expressly made aware that even minor alterations of the software may influence the entire system’s ability to run.

Users are not authorized to undertake alterations of the software. Should the operators become aware of software-alterations, they are entitled to suspend the respective Alumniportal Miniweb in parts or in its entirety.
6. Termination of the use of an Alumniportal Miniweb

The operators of the Alumniportal Deutschland are authorized to cancel any rights of use in justified cases at any time, especially if

- Users have violated these terms of use or
- The entire option of Alumniportal Miniwebs cannot be upheld, for technical or financial reasons.

Should users no longer wish to use their Alumniportal Miniwebs, they are required to inform the operators of this fact.

On termination of use, the operators will suspend the webpage and all relating access to the system. Users are required to delete all programmes and accesses related to the Alumniportal Miniweb from their computer systems, unless they are required by law to store them further.