



**Your benefit:
Your VERE membership**

Letter from the Executive Board

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are delighted that you are interested in our association and wish to express a cordial welcome.

We wish to recommend joining our association VERE so that you are prepared in good time for any legal changes. We have listed the key VERE benefits for you on this page.

VERE e.V. already has over 4,000 members and therefore is the largest association of its kind in Germany. Due to the sheer size of this community, at **only 25.00 euros** per annum we are able to keep the annual membership subscription low for you and still make a political impact. What is especially important for you is that the VERE Association can act as your strong lobby on the political stage in Germany and Brussels.

VERE is one of the groups involved in commenting on relevant laws and regulations regarding product and manufacturer responsibility and is listed in the EU's Transparency Register. If your company therefore suffers disadvantages as a result of the implementation of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act, the Battery Act, the Packaging Act, etc., the VERE Association is your influential partner who is there to help you. VERE always operates to protect you from excessive bureaucracy and unequal competitive conditions and to be an effective reassurance of the success of your business.

We would be pleased to welcome you as a member of VERE e.V.; after all, associations are only strong through their members.

Incidentally: the membership has no minimum term and can be cancelled annually.

Yours sincerely,



Oliver Friedrichs and Hjalmar Vierle

VERE Executive Board

Benefits at a single glance

- Help with **combating free riders**
- **First-hand information from the Executive Board** by attending the VERE General Meeting
- **Free information newsletter** on legislation and standards that concern you
- Have your own say: Your **participation during network events** with public authorities, ministries, policymakers, associations and media
- **Support at political level** in case of unjustified problems with public authorities
- **Contacts** with public authorities at national and European level as well as with other distributors, importers and manufacturers (exchanging views and experiences)
- **Political representation of interests** in implementing guidelines, regulations and laws
- **Discounts and rebates** with selected cooperation partners (ZPÜ framework agreement, etc.)

Application for admission to VERE e.V.

Please complete in block letters!

Applicant

We request admission to join VERE e.V.

Company: _____

Street / No.: _____

Postal code / Place: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail for invoices: _____

Int. VAT ID No.: _____

Tax-No. _____

The annual subscription of 25.00 euros plus the applicable statutory value-added tax will be collected in an invoice submitted at the beginning of the year.

We hereby confirm that we will assume any international bank transfer fees incurred (e.g. in the case of foreign accounts) ourselves.

Date / location

X

Signature / company stamp

Please fill in the form in full and return it to us duly signed, by mail, fax or e-mail.

For questions concerning your membership please do not hesitate to contact us:

Tel. +49 (40) 75 06 87 - 200

To be completed by VERE e.V.!

Contact: K-_____

Members No.: _____

Partner: _____

Internal employee: _____

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Consent to the SEPA direct debit process

Please complete in block letters!

SEPA basic direct debit mandate for recurring payments

I hereby authorise VERE e.V. to collect payments from my account by direct debit. At the same time, I instruct my bank to honour the direct debits drawn by VERE e.V. from my account.

I shall ensure there are sufficient funds in the account at the due dates. The authorisation shall remain valid until revoked in writing vis-à-vis VERE e.V. In addition, I hereby confirm the completeness and correctness of the data specified in this document.

Note: I am entitled to call for a refund of the amount charged within eight weeks, starting from the date of the debit. In this regard, the terms and conditions agreed with my bank are applicable.

Company: _____

Street / No.: _____

Postal Code / Place: _____

Account holder: _____

Bank: _____

IBAN:

BIC / SWIFT:

_____  _____
 Place, Date Legally binding signature of the customer

Payee

VERE e.V. (Verband zur Rücknahme und Verwertung von Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräten e.V.)
 Schlossstr. 8 d-e, 22041 Hamburg/Germany

Creditor-Identifier: DE90ZZZ00000024830

Mandate reference: *Member number*****
 (to be subsequently submitted by VERE e.V.)

We will notify you or the collection before the first date of a SEPA basic direct debit using this procedure. Any international transfer fees incurred (for instance, in the case of a foreign account) are to be borne by you as a VERE member.

Should your details no longer be up to date, please notify us accordingly in writing. You will find your IBAN and BIC on your account statement. If you should have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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Data protection information according to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

With the following information, we would like to give you an overview in which way we process your personal data and your rights according to the data protection law. It primarily depends on the requested or agreed services which data are being processed in detail and in which way they are being used.

Responsibility for data processing and data protection officer?

Contact of the responsible office:

VERE e.V. – Verband zur Rücknahme und Verwertung von Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräten e.V., Schlosstr. 8 d-e, D-22041 Hamburg, Germany, Phone: +49 (0)40/219010-64, Fax: +49 (0)40/219010-66, e-mail address: info@vereev.de

Contact of the data protection officer:

Buhck Umweltberatung GmbH, Ingo Recker, Südring 38, D-21465 Wentorf, Phone: +49 (0)40/720000-40, e-mail address: datenschutz@buhck.de

Use of sources and data

We process personal data which we receive from our customers in the frame of our business relation. Furthermore, we process – insofar as it is required in order to render our services – personal data, which we permissibly obtain from publicly available sources (e.g. commercial register and register of associations, press, Internet) or which are legitimately transmitted to us by other companies (e.g. take-e-way GmbH).

Relevant personal data are personal details (name, address and other contact data and authentication data (e.g. signature)). Furthermore, these may also be data which are necessary for the fulfilment of contractual obligations (e.g. account holders, bank details), advertising and sales data, documentation data (e.g. requests sent by e-mail or contact forms) as well as any other data comparable with the mentioned categories.

Purpose and legal basis of the processing

We process personal data according to the provisions of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act (= Bundesdatenschutzgesetz BDSG nF):

a) Contractual obligations (art. 6 para. 1b GDPR)

The processing of data is performed in the frame of the execution of our association activities with our members / customers or to implement pre-contractual measures, which are performed upon request. The purposes of the data processing are primarily to represent the interests of the members / customers in implementing and fulfilling the environmental laws and to ensure their rights and may among others include needs analysis, advice as well as the processing of information notices. Please find further details about the data processing purposes in the articles of the association.

b) Balancing of interests (art. 6 para. 1f GDPR)

Where required, we process your data beyond the actual fulfilment of the contract to safeguard justified interests of ourselves or of third parties. Examples:

- Examining and optimising of procedures for a needs analyses for the purpose of direct customer contacts
- Advertising or market and opinion research, provided that you did not object to the usage of your data
- Exercise of legal claims or defence in the event of any legal disputes
- Safeguarding the IT security and the IT operations of the association
- Prevention and investigation of criminal offences
- Measures for the further development of services

c) Consent (art. 6 para. 1a GDPR)

Provided that you have given your consent to process personal data for certain purposes (e.g. receiving a newsletter), the legality of this processing is given on the basis of your consent. You may revoke the given consent at any time. This also applies for the withdrawal of declarations of consents, which have been given to us before the application of the GDPR, i.e. before May 25th, 2018. The withdrawal of the consent does not affect the legality of the data which have been processed until your withdrawal.

d) Legal requirements (art. 6 para. 1c GDPR) or in the public interest (art. 6 para. 1e GDPR)

Moreover, we are subject to various legal obligations, i.e. legal requirements (e.g. tax laws). The purposes of the processing include among others the fulfilment of monitoring and reporting obligations according to the tax law.

Data recipients

It should first of all be noted that we are obliged to maintain secrecy about all membership and customer-related data of which we become aware. Within the association, those offices get access to your data, which they need in order to fulfil our contractual and legal obligations. Also the service providers and agents committed by us may receive data for such purposes, if they maintain the data protection agreements. These are companies in the categories IT services, logistics, print services, telecommunications, advice as well as sales and marketing. Furthermore, we are only allowed to forward data, if legal provisions would demand it or if you have agreed. Subject to these conditions, the recipients of personal data may be e.g.

- Public authorities and institutions (e.g. tax authorities) in case of the existence of a statutory or regulatory obligation.
- Sending of newsletters by e-mail service providers

Transmission of data to a third country or to an international organisation

There is no data transmission to places in countries outside the European Union (so-called third countries).

Duration of the saving of data

We process and save your personal data, as long as it is necessary to fulfil our contractual and statutory obligations.

As soon as the data are no longer required to fulfil contractual and statutory obligations, they will be deleted on a regular basis, unless their – limited – further processing is not necessary for the following purposes:

- Fulfilling of retention requirements in accordance with commercial and tax law: These include the German Commercial Code (= Handelsgesetzbuch (HGB)) and the tax code (= Abgabenordnung (AO)). The stipulated deadlines for the retention or documentation are two to ten years.
- Maintenance of evidence in the frame of the statutory limitation periods. According to the §§ 195 seq. of the German Civil Code (= Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches (BGB)) such limitation periods may be up to 30 years, whereby the regular limitation period is 3 years.

Data protection rights

If you have transmitted data to us, you will have the right of information according to article 15 GDPR (in conjunction with § 34 Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG nF)), the right of adjustment according to article 16 GDPR, the right of erasure according to article 17 GDPR (in conjunction with § 35 Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG nF)), the right of limitation of processing according to article 18 GDPR, the right of appeal of article 21 GDPR as well as the right data portability of article 20 GDPR. Furthermore, there is a right of appeal with a competent data protection supervisory authority (article 77 GDPR in conjunction with § 19 Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG)).

You may at any time withdraw a given approval to the processing of personal data without giving reasons. This also applies for the withdrawal of declarations of consents, which have been given to us before the application of the General Data Protection Regulation, i.e. before May 25th, 2018. Please note that the withdrawal will only act for the future. Any processing of data which had been performed before the withdrawal is not concerned.

Obligation to provide data

In order to conclude a contract with you or to execute a contract, you have to provide such personal data, which are required for the commencing and execution of business relations and for the fulfilment of any related contractual obligations or to which data collection we are bound by law. If you do not provide your personal data to us, a business relationship will not be possible.

Automated decision-making

We generally do not use any automated decision-making according to 22 GDPR to execute the business relationship. If we should use this procedure in the future, we will provide you with separate information, if this is imposed by law.

Profiling

We use profiling for instance in the following case:

- We use evaluation tools in order to purposefully inform and advise you about products. This allows a needs-based communication and advertising.

Right of objection according to article 21 GDPR

For reasons which result from your particular situation, you have at any time the right to file an objection against the processing of your personal data, which has been executed due to article 6 para. 1 item e GDPR (data processing in the public interest), and art. 6 paragraph 1 item f GDPR (data processing on the basis of a balancing of interests); this also applies for a profiling based on this provision (art. 4 No. 4 GDPR).

If you file an objection, we will not process your personal data. Unless we can prove mandatory reasons for the processing worth being protected, which prevail your interests, rights and freedoms, or the processing serves the assertion, execution or defending of legal claims.

In individual cases, we will process your personal data in order to carry out direct advertising. You have at any time the right to file an objection against the processing of your personal data for the purpose of such advertising; this also applies for the profiling, insofar as it is related to such direct advertising.

If you object to the processing of your data for the purpose of direct advertising, we will no longer process your personal data for such purposes.

You can file the objection with:

VERE e.V. – Verband zur Rücknahme und Verwertung von Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräten e.V., Schlosstr. 8 d-e, D-22041 Hamburg, Germany