**Miscellaneous**

The Science Media Center Germany

[www.sciencemediacenter.de](http://www.sciencemediacenter.de)

<https://www.sciencemediacenter.de/en/smc/smc/>

(self definition*!):„We are a journalistic, independent and non-profit institution. Our team supports journalists free of charge in reporting on science-related topics. Our goals are laid down in our articles of association.*

*With a constantly growing network of currently more than 1,000 contributing researchers, we currently support over 1,600 accredited journalists in their reporting - with expertise from the sciences. We deliver evidence and facts from the sciences. And we do so independently, quickly and reliably.*

*Especially when current events are related to scientific expertise or new research results cause a public stir, journalists are faced with considerable challenges:*

* *Where to find reliable expertise in the sciences in a timely manner?*
* *Where to get expertise from willing researchers for quotes or additional information?*
* *How to find rational arguments in polarised debates?*

*This is exactly where our work begins.“*

Himalaya:

<https://www.himalayandatabase.com/>

The Himalayan Database is a compilation of records for all expeditions that have climbed in the Nepal Himalaya. The database is based on the expedition archives of Elizabeth Hawley, a longtime journalist based in Kathmandu, and it is supplemented by information gathered from books, alpine journals and correspondence with Himalayan climbers

CIA Factbook:

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/>

<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/moldova/>

Action Network:

WorldbeyondWar.org – a global movement to end all wars

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/>

**DE**

Information about companies: see particular data sheet

Access to information of authorities:

either directly

or (for instance) via

<https://fragdenstaat.de>
Further details will be given by Aiko KEMPEN (Monday, Dec 5th)

**EU**

Access to EU-files: all EU-Institutions incl. Transparency Register

DE: <https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/principles-and-values/access-information_de>

EN: <https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/principles-and-values/access-information_en>

MD-RO: <https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/principles-and-values/access-information_ro>

RO: [https://ec.europa.eu/search/?queryText=Dokumentenzugang&query\_source=europa\_default&page=&filter=&swlang=ro&filterSource=europa\_default&more\_options\_date=\*&more\_options\_language=ro&more\_options\_f\_formats=\*](https://ec.europa.eu/search/?queryText=Dokumentenzugang&query_source=europa_default&page=&filter=&swlang=ro&filterSource=europa_default&more_options_date=*&more_options_language=ro&more_options_f_formats=*)

Transparency Register oft he EU: ca. 12.500 registered Organizations

EN

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/eu-affairs/20180108STO91215/transparency-register-who-is-lobbying-the-eu-infographic>

RO

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/ro/headlines/eu-affairs/20180108STO91215/registrul-de-transparenta-grupurile-de-interese-din-ue-infografice>

DE: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/de/headlines/eu-affairs/20180108STO91215/transparenzregister-mehr-klarheit-uber-lobbyarbeit-bei-der-eu-infografiken>

EN: EU-Access via [www.FragdenStaat.de](http://www.FragdenStaat.de):

<https://fragdenstaat.de/en/help/eu-foi/>

The European Environmental Agency – EEA

EN: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/>

RO. <https://www.eea.europa.eu/ro>

The European Information and Observation Network (Eionet) i spart of EEA:

information related to

chemical monitoring

fresh water

climate and energy

industrial emissons and others

Statistical Database „Eurostat“

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

„The home of high-quality statistics and data on Europe“ (self-definition“). Available not in Romana, but English

„Umwelt-Informations-Gesetz (UIG)“: Environmental Information Act (refers to all EU-Countries):

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32003L0004>

bzw

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32003L0004>

bzw

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32003L0004>

European Court of Human Rights - ECHR:

[www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)

Search for court decisions:

[https://publicsearch.coe.int/#k=#f=%5B%5D](https://publicsearch.coe.int/#k=)

LobbyFacts.eu

<https://www.lobbyfacts.eu/>

**USA**

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): refers to (nearly) all documents of federal authorities

<https://www.foia.gov>

Open Secrets:

<https://www.opensecrets.org/>

You can also ask the CIA or the FBI:

<https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/>

<https://www.fbi.gov>

In the US security of personal data is much less earmarked. Therefore exist a lot of providers of such information drawn from all publicly accessable sources . But chargeable:

Spokeo. Know More.

[www.spokeo.com/](http://www.spokeo.com/)

The database collects everything from across the U.S. that is publicly available in other databases and other sources, including social media, and brings it together centrally in its own database.

Possible alternatives to be tried on a case-by-case basis:

[www.pipl.com](http://www.pipl.com)

[www.truthfinder.com](http://www.truthfinder.com)

[www.ussearch.com](http://www.ussearch.com)

[www.intelius.com](http://www.intelius.com)

[www.instantcheckmate.com](http://www.instantcheckmate.com)

[www.peoplefinder.com](http://www.peoplefinder.com)

[www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com)

[www.beenverified.com](http://www.beenverified.com)

Court Files in the US

Because oft he Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) court files are transparent and accessable für everyone. The following link is provided by the Federal Government and refers to trials pending before federal courts. Because oft he multirude of daily trials, such databases are incomplete.

Public Access to Court Electronic Records

<https://pacer.uscourts.gov>

It’s the official database of the US Federal Government

Possible alternatives to be tried on a case-by-case basis:

* Law Library
<https://aclawlib.wordpress.com/2012/12/01/justia-dockets-filings-a-free-alternative-to-pacer-for-docket-research/>
* Free Law / RECAP
<https://free.law/recap>
* PacerMonitor
[www.pacermonitor.com](http://www.pacermonitor.com)

Other databases:

FAS – Federation of American Scientists:

<https://sgp.fas.org>

The Federation of American Scientists is a nonprofit policy research and advocacy organization founded in 1945 to meet national security challenges with evidence-based, scientifically-driven, and nonpartisan policy, analysis, and research.

Project on Government Secrecy:

<https://sgp.fas.org/foia/index.html>

**LEAKING**

Worldwide the first one was „cryptome“, launched 1996 (Wikileaks came 2010 with [www.collateralmurder.com](http://www.collateralmurder.com) and other secret files, but is since November 2022 more or less down):

<http://www.cryptome.org>

Alexej NAVALNY and his supporters in RF:

<https://fbk.info> (fomerly: rospil.info)

<https://fbk.info/?lang=en>

ruleaks.net: temporarily (?) doesn’t work

<https://balkanleaks.eu/>

last entries dated 2018

**International Tax Evasion/Tax Fraud of all sorts of „VIP’s“**

You can go through serveral databasis emerged in the context of (actually) 6 leaks, provided by the International Consortrium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ): [www.icij.org](http://www.icij.org):

* <https://offshoreleaks.icij.org> (2013)
* <https://www.icij.org/investigations/luxembourg-leaks/> (2014)
* <https://www.icij.org/investigations/swiss-leaks/explore-swiss-leaks-data/> (2015)
* <https://www.icij.org/investigations/panama-papers/> (2016)
* <https://www.icij.org/investigations/paradise-papers/> (2017)
* <https://www.icij.org/investigations/paradise-papers/> (2021)

Climate Change

Science Based Targets:

<https://sciencebasedtargets.org/reports/sbti-progress-report-2021/progress-data-dashboard>

CDP – Disclosure Insight Action:

<https://www.cdp.net/en/info/about-us/disclosure/disclosure-insight-action>

Global Oil and Gas Exit List:

<https://www.urgewald.org/global-oil-and-gas-exit-list>

Climate Action:

<https://www.climateaction.org/>

<https://theelders.org/programmes/climate-change?gclid=CjwKCAiAp7GcBhA0EiwA9U0mtswC-aRLOUiQYl5byjpkpdOa6U-B7VfB14CTfdNqti_ozJ5fl10gHRoCDGIQAvD_BwE>

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-change/>

climate action 100:

<https://www.climateaction100.org/>

**OSINT**

<https://osintframework.com/>

all selectable bullet points are active:



Computer Chaos Club: [www.ccc.de](http://www.ccc.de)

Video „OSINT for everyone“:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8E6u1e3jq74> (translated in EN)

other sources:

<https://aware7.com/de/blog/open-source-intelligence-bei-instagram-mit-osi-ig/>

[www.osintgeek.de/tools](http://www.osintgeek.de/tools)

collection & survey on specific tools

The German Foreign Secret Service „BND – Bundesnachrichtendienst“
explains (EN) OSINT, HUMINT, IMINT, SIGINT, GEOINT etc:

<https://www.bnd.bund.de/EN/Home/home_node.html>

**data-journalism**

DataJournalism.com

Created by the European JOurnalism Centre

There you can register here for a free member account and get free goodies: <https://datajournalism.com/register>

important tool !

ICIJ: Nine Essential Tools

<https://www.icij.org/inside-icij/2018/08/nine-essential-tools-from-icijs-data-journalism-and-programming-experts/>

CIJ – paper ref. Investigative Data Journalism in a Globalized World.

A Survey Study on ICIJ Journalists, accessable at

<https://journalistik.online/en/paper-en/investigative-data-journalism-in-a-globalized-world/>

Bellingcat’s Online Investigation Toolkit

bit.ly/bcattools = <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18rtqh8EG2q1xBo2cLNyhIDuK9jrPGwYr9DI2UncoqJQ/edit#gid=930747607>

GIS/GEOINT

<https://datajournalism.com/read/longreads/geographic-information-systems-a-use-case-for-journalists>

<https://www.e-education.psu.edu/geog486/node/726> (case example: AirBnb)

EDJNet - The European Data Journalism Network

[www.europeandatajournalism.eu/rum/](http://www.europeandatajournalism.eu/rum/) (RO)

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**Tools zur Visualisierung, online** (selection)

* [Flourish](https://flourish.studio/examples/)
* [23Degrees](https://app.23degrees.io/solutions/publishers)
* [Tableau](https://public.tableau.com/app/discover)
* [PowerBI](https://powerbi.microsoft.com/de-de/landing/free-account)
* [Infogram](https://infogram.com/de/?rc=paid0sem0branded0search0&utm_campaign=GS_BR_SUL_EMEA_GER_E_DE_Infogram&utm_medium=ppc&utm_term=infogram.&utm_source=adwords&hsa_tgt=kwd-354615432895&hsa_ad=297114163832&hsa_kw=infogram.&hsa_grp=62613488594&hsa_src=g&hsa_mt=e&hsa_acc=8106939973&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_cam=1582421427&hsa_ver=3&gclid=Cj0KCQiA7bucBhCeARIsAIOwr--sND2CpqHlHfdrI4FyTq98sDkSELlY8zCx-zQ1q1JvdHMBOCpHP1waAtP0EALw_wcB)
* [Datawrapper](https://www.datawrapper.de/) (How-to’s, Tipps und Beispiele: [Academy](https://academy.datawrapper.de/))

**Datensammlung**

* [Google Tabellen](https://www.google.de/intl/de/sheets/about/) (“Sheets”, “GDocs”)
* [Formeln für GDocs](https://support.google.com/docs/answer/3093318?hl=en)

**Datengewinnung**

* Datenimport via Google: <[IMPORT](https://support.google.com/docs/answer/3093335?hl=en)>
* Daten aus PDFs extrahieren: [Tabula](https://tabula.technology/)

**Datenbereinigung**

* Plain Text Editor: [Sublime](https://www.sublimetext.com/)
* Bereinigen im Editor via Regex: [RegEx](https://regex101.com/)

**Automatisierung**

* [Python](https://www.python.org/)
* [Jupyter](https://jupyter.org/)

**Karten**

* [OpenStreetMap](https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=7/46.326/29.316) (OSM, mit “© OpenStreetMap-Mitwirkende” frei verwendbar)
* [OpenTopoMap](https://opentopomap.org/#map=6/46.732/28.026) (OTM, mit “© OpenStreetMap-Mitwirkende” frei verwendbar)
* Kartenelemente aus OSM und OTM extrahieren: [Overpass](https://overpass-turbo.eu/)
* Linien und Flächen für Dw-Karten erstellen: [geojson io](https://geojson.io/#map=6.85/47.172/28.17)
* Flächen vereinfachen: [Mapshaper](https://mapshaper.org/)
* komplexe Karten, Geo-Analysen: [QGIS](https://qgis.org/de/site/about/index.html)

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2. [Eurostat](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/lfs/data/database)
3. [Weltbank](https://data.worldbank.org/)