

This Data Sharing Agreement (“**DSA**”) is entered into by the Outbrain entity (“**Outbrain**”) and the individual or company (the “**Partner**”) identified in the Partner Enrollment Form (governed by the applicable **Standard Partner Distribution Terms**) between the parties from time to time (together, the “**Terms**”). From the Effective Date of the applicable Partner Enrollment Form, this DSA shall apply to any and all agreements between the parties and their Affiliates from time to time.

This DSA is incorporated into the Terms (as amended from time to time) and constitutes a legally binding agreement between the parties. Collectively, the Controller SCCs (as applicable), the DSA and the Terms (or information entered through the Outbrain dashboard) are referred to as the “**Agreement**”. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any of the terms of the Agreement the following order of precedence shall prevail: (i) the Controller SCCs (as applicable); (ii) this DSA; and (iii) the Terms.

Any capitalized terms not defined in this DSA shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Terms.

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. “**Affiliate(s)**” means in respect of either party at any time, any person or legal entity controlled by or controlling or under the common control of that party. Any reference to the parties shall include reference to their Affiliates;

1.2. “**CCPA**” means the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 and all other California privacy laws, guidance or codes of practice issued by a relevant public authority applicable from time to time to Outbrain or Partner relating to the processing of Personal Information and the privacy of electronic communications, as amended or superseded by any federal, state or national law, regulation or regulatory guidance;

1.3. “**Controller SCCs**” means the standard data protection clauses “MODULE ONE: Transfer controller to controller” in accordance with article 46 2. (c) GDPR adopted by the European Commission on 4 June 2021 (Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/914) (as amended or superseded), containing contractual obligations on the Data Exporter and the Data Importer, and rights for EEA Data Subjects whose Personal Data is transferred, as amended or superseded from time to time by the European Commission;

1.4. “**Data Protection Laws**” means all laws, guidance or codes of practice issued by a relevant public authority applicable from time to time to Outbrain or Partner relating to the processing of Personal Data and the privacy of electronic communications, including the CCPA and EU Data Protection Laws;

1.5. “**EEA**” means the European Economic Area;

1.6. “**End Users**” shall have the same meaning as given to this term under the Terms, and, for the purpose of this DSA, are Data Subjects or Consumers;

1.7. “**EU Data Protection Laws**” means all laws, guidance or codes of practice issued by a relevant Supervisory Authority (including, in the UK, the Information Commissioner’s Office (“ICO”)) applicable from time to time to Outbrain or Partner relating to the processing of Personal Data and the privacy of electronic communications in the EEA and the UK as amended or superseded, especially (i) the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679) (GDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018; (ii) the Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive 2002/58/EC (as updated by Directive 2009/136/EC) (ePrivacy Directive) and the UK Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No. 2426) (PECR) as updated;

1.8. “**Outbrain User Data**” means Personal Data of an End User which Outbrain collects directly on Partner Sites and/or indirectly via third-party partners who connect Outbrain with Partner Sites and may include, but not be limited to: bid request unique identifier, Outbrain unique identifier, IP address, user agent data, browser and device type (desktop/mobile, brand, model, operating system and system version), application version, application ID or package name), device advertising identifiers, pages, content visited and events, time of visit, broad location, device time zone;

1.9. “**UK Adequacy Decision**” means the Commission Implementing Decision of 28 June 2021 on the adequate protection of Personal Data by the United Kingdom in accordance with article 45 GDPR;

1.10. "Controller", "Joint Controller", "Processor", "Data Protection Impact Assessment", "Data Subject", "Personal Data Breach", "Special Categories of Personal Data" and "Supervisory Authority" shall have the meanings given in EU Data Protection Laws;

1.11. "sale" (including the terms "sell," "selling," "sold," and other variations thereof, including renting, disclosing, releasing, disseminating, making available, transferring, or otherwise communicating Personal Information for monetary or other valuable consideration), "Consumer", "Business", "Security Incident" and "Service Provider" shall have the meanings given to those terms under the CCPA; and

1.12. "Personal Data" (and any variation thereof, including "Personal Information" under the CCPA) and "process"(including "processing"), shall have the meaning given under the applicable Data Protection Laws.

2. PURPOSE OF PROCESSING. The parties collect and process Personal Data for the purposes of delivering Recommendations to End Users. Outbrain processes Outbrain User Data for the following purposes: (i) storing and/or accessing information on a device; (ii) selecting basic ads; (iii) creating a personalized ads profile; (iv) selecting personalized ads; (v) creating a personalized content profile; (vi) selecting personalized content; (vii) measuring ad performance; (viii) measuring content performance; (ix) applying market research to generate audience insights; (x) developing and improving products; (xi) ensuring security, preventing fraud and debugging; and (xii) technically delivering ads or content.

3. CCPA AND EU DATA PROTECTION LAWS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS.

3.1. Specific provisions applicable to CCPA are located in Sections 4.2, 5.2 (iv) and 6.4.

3.2. Specific provision applicable to EU Data protection Laws are located in Sections 4.3, 5.2 (ii), 6.4 and 11.

4. ROLE OF PARTIES.

4.1. Each party shall comply with all relevant provisions of Data Protection Laws as it applies to matters under the Agreement and ensure that they process Personal Data fairly and lawfully in accordance with Data Protection Laws as applicable in the provision and receipt of the Technology.

4.2. Insofar as the CCPA is applicable to the Technology, Outbrain and Partner will be considered independent Businesses under the CCPA for the collection, processing and selling of any Personal Information, and Outbrain shall not be considered a Service Provider on anyone's behalf.

4.3. Insofar as EU Data Protection Laws are applicable to the Technology, the parties shall be deemed Joint Controllers under Article 26 GDPR solely with regards to the collection of Outbrain User Data through the implementation of the Technology on Partner Sites, and the parties shall be deemed independent Controllers for any further processing activity.

4.4. Each party shall remain solely and exclusively responsible for determining the means and purposes of processing for its respective processing activities.

5. PARTNER'S OBLIGATIONS.

5.1. Partner is responsible for implementing the Technology on Partner Sites in accordance with Outbrain's instructions, the Agreement and Data Protection Laws.

5.2. Partner shall:

(i) disclose, via an appropriate privacy notice, Outbrain to End Users as a Business or Controller collecting Personal Data for the purposes of delivering Recommendations as set out in Section 2;

(ii) collect End Users' consent choices via a consent management platform using the IAB Transparency & Consent Framework v2.0 (the most recent version or successor thereto) and pass Outbrain valid "consent"/"no consent" strings. The Partner must not, at any time, send Outbrain "null" or "invalid" signals;

(iii) provide a user choice mechanism such as the opt out page(s) of the [Network Advertising Initiative](#), the [Digital Advertising Alliance](#) or the [European Digital Advertising Alliance](#), as applicable; and

(iv) insofar as the CCPA is applicable to the Technology, Partner shall collect End Users' "Do Not Sell My Personal Information" choices via a consent management platform using the IAB CCPA Framework (the most recent version or successor thereto) and pass Outbrain valid "yes"/"no" strings.

5.3. Partner shall at all times satisfy the requirements for an appropriate legal basis for the processing of Personal Data. In any event, where an End User opted out or withdrew their consent to personalized advertising and/or the sharing their Personal Data with Outbrain through a mechanism alerting only the Partner (instead of Outbrain), such as device settings, Partner must not share such Personal Data with Outbrain.

6. OUTBRAIN'S OBLIGATIONS.

6.1. Outbrain shall disclose, via an appropriate privacy notice, all information relating to processing activities where the Personal Data is collected directly from the End User or where such Personal Data is collected via third parties, as required under Data Protection Laws. This information is available on [Outbrain's Privacy Policy](#).

6.2. Outbrain shall at all times satisfy the requirements for an appropriate legal basis for the processing of Outbrain User Data.

6.3. Outbrain shall comply with requests from End Users to exercise their rights under relevant Data Protection Laws, without undue delay and within the required time limits. Requests relating to right to access, erasure, withdrawing consent, objecting to profiling, or "Do Not Sell My Personal Information" can be exercised directly on [Outbrain Interest Profile](#).

6.4. To the extent that Outbrain receives and interprets consent strings or "Do Not Sell My Personal Information" strings as per [Section 5.2](#), Outbrain is doing so in order to abide by an End User's choice and shall not be deemed to be a Processor or Service Provider on anyone's behalf.

7. COOPERATION.

7.1. Each party shall develop, implement, and regularly review procedures to ensure they meet their respective obligations under Data Protection Laws.

7.2. Each party shall immediately inform the other party if any activity pursuant to the Agreement infringes any part of Data Protection Laws, and the parties shall review such activity accordingly. If during the term, Data Protection Laws change in a way that this DSA is no longer adequate for performing the processing activities necessary to the Terms, the parties agree to promptly negotiate in good faith to review this DSA in light of such changes.

7.3. In the event that either party receives any correspondence, enquiry or complaint from an End User, Supervisory Authority or any other third party related to the disclosure or processing of Personal Data pursuant to this DSA, or requests information from the other party when performing a Data Protection Impact Assessment, it shall promptly inform the other party giving full details of the same, and the other party shall provide such assistance as reasonably required (at each party's sole cost and expense) and in good faith in order to respond in accordance with any requirements under Data Protection Laws.

8. DATA SECURITY.

8.1. Each party shall implement and maintain such appropriate technical and organizational measures as required by Data Protection Laws to ensure that the Personal Data is processed in a secure manner, including (but not limited to) (i) the pseudonymization and encryption of Personal Data; (ii) ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of the services provided under the Agreement, including the ability to restore availability of, and access to, Personal Data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident; (iii) a process for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organizational measures for ensuring the security of the processing; and (iv) regularly carrying information security risk assessments that take account of risk of accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, Personal Data.

8.2. An overview of Outbrain's appropriate technical and organizational security measures are described on [Outbrain's Security page](#).

8.3. Upon becoming aware of a suspected or confirmed Personal Data Breach or Security Incident involving Outbrain User Data

collected pursuant to this DSA, each party shall notify the other party without any undue delay, and provide such assistance as reasonably required to allow the other party to comply with its respective obligations under Data Protection Laws.

9. PERSONNEL. Each party shall be responsible for ensuring that staff members are appropriately trained to handle and process the Personal Data in accordance with their internal technical and organizational security measures, where relevant, together with Data Protection Laws, and have entered into confidentiality agreements relating to the processing of Personal Data.

10. PROCESSORS – SERVICE PROVIDERS. Each party shall remain independently responsible for appointing its respective Processors and/or Service Providers in accordance with Data Protection Laws.

11. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS.

11.1. Insofar as Personal Data is collected from End Users located within the territory of the EEA or the UK by either party during the course of the Agreement, neither party shall process any Personal Data (nor permit any Personal Data to be processed) in a country outside of the EEA or the UK unless: (i) that country has been designated by the European Commission or the ICO (as applicable) as providing an adequate level of protection for Personal Data; or (ii) it has taken such measures as necessary to ensure the transfer is compliant with EU Data Protection Laws.

11.2. The parties agree that for the purposes of any transfer of Personal Data from Partner to Outbrain collected within the EEA to the UK, the requirements of the clause above shall be fully satisfied by the UK Adequacy Decision.

11.3. Outbrain shall be responsible for the onward transfer of Personal Data from the UK to any third party country outside of the EEA as required by (a) the UK Adequacy Decision and/or (b) EU Data Protection Laws, as applicable.

11.4. Within its Affiliates, Outbrain has entered into adequate intragroup data sharing agreements including supplementary measures complying with all requirements of EU Data Protection Laws, which consist of (i) encryption in transit; (ii) pseudonymization; and (iii) not having received any legally binding request from a public authority, including judicial authorities, under the laws of the country of destination and not being aware of any direct access by public authorities.

11.5. In the event that the UK Adequacy Decision as the lawful ground for international transfers from the EEA to third party countries is no longer applicable, the parties agree that the Controller SCCs shall be incorporated by reference into this DSA and shall govern any international transfer of Personal Data outside of the EEA. For the purpose of the Controller SCCs, the parties fully agree that:

- (i) Partner is the "Data Exporter" and Outbrain, the "Data Importer";
- (ii) Clause 7 "Docking clause" is deleted;
- (iii) The OPTION under Clause 11 "Redress" is deleted;
- (iv) Clause 17 "Governing Law" is completed with "Republic of Ireland"
- (v) Clause 18 (b) "Choice of forum and jurisdiction" is completed with "Dublin, Republic of Ireland";
- (vi) Annex I to the Controller SCCs shall be deemed to have been completed with Annex I to this DSA; and
- (vii) Annex II to the Controller SCCs shall be deemed to have been completed by [Outbrain's Security page](#).

12. TERM AND TERMINATION. This DSA shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue as long as the Partner uses the Technology.

13. DATA RETENTION. Outbrain shall not retain any individual data point collected in relation to the Technology for longer than 13 months, unless it constitutes anonymous data.

14. MISCELLANEOUS.

14.1. Neither party shall be in breach of this DSA nor liable for delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the Agreement if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control.

14.2. Failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy under this DSA shall not constitute a waiver of such (or any other) right or remedy under this DSA, the Agreement or Data Protection Laws.

14.3. Partner shall not assign or otherwise transfer its rights or its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Outbrain.

14.4 Except as expressly stated otherwise and to the extent applicable under Data Protection Laws, nothing in this DSA shall create or confer any rights or other benefits in favor of any person other than a party to this DSA.

14.5. The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any term of this DSA shall not affect the remainder of the DSA.

14.6. This DSA shall be governed by the laws specified in the applicable Partner Enrollment Form.

ANNEX I

Description of Processing Activities

This Annex forms part of the DSA and describes the processing of Personal Data by Outbrain. When Section 11.5 of the DSA applies, Annex I to the Controller SCCs shall be deemed to have been completed with this Annex.

A. LIST OF PARTIES

Data Exporter:

Partner name, address and contact details as stated in the Partner Enrollment Form.

Activities relevant to the data transferred: Digital services or media delivered through a website or mobile application on which Partner has ownership and control.

Joint Controller (collection) and independent Controller (any other processing).

Data Importer:

Outbrain with address and contact details as stated in the Partner Enrollment Form.

Activities relevant to the data transferred: Digital advertising services.

Joint Controller (collection) and independent Controller (any other processing).

B. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER

Categories of Data Subjects whose Personal Data is transferred: End Users (Data Subjects who visit or use Partner Sites or interact with Recommendations served by Outbrain on Partner Sites).

Categories of Personal Data transferred:

- Bid request unique identifier
- Outbrain unique identifier
- IP address
- User Agent data, browser and device type (desktop/mobile, brand, model, operating system and system version), application version, application ID or package name)
- Device advertising identifiers
- Pages, content visited and events
- Time of visit
- Broad location
- Device time zone

Sensitive data transferred: No Special Categories of Personal Data are transferred.

Frequency of the transfer: Real time, continuous basis.

Nature of the processing:

- Receiving data, including collection, accessing, retrieval, recording, and data entry;
- Holding data, including storage, organization and structuring;
- Using data, including analyzing, consultation, testing, automated decision making and profiling;
- Updating data, including correcting, adaptation, alteration, alignment and combination;
- Protecting data, including restricting, encrypting, and security testing;
- Sharing data, including disclosure, dissemination, allowing access or otherwise making available;
- Returning data to the Data Exporter or Data Subject;
- Erasing data, including destruction and deletion.

Purpose(s) of the data transfer and further processing: Digital advertising services, which include:

- Storing and/or accessing information on a device;
- Selecting basic ads;
- Creating a personalized ads profile;
- Selecting personalized ads;
- Creating a personalized content profile;
- Selecting personalized content;
- Measuring ad performance;

- Measuring content performance;
- Applying market research to generate audience insights;
- Developing and improving products;
- Ensuring security, preventing fraud and debugging; and
- Technically delivering ads or content.

Retention period: An individual data point is retained for no longer than 13 months.

Recipients: The subject matter, nature and duration can be found on the [Outbrain Trusted Partners page](#).

C. COMPETENT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

In the UK: The Information Commissioner's Office.

In the EEA: The Supervisory Authority of the Member State of the Partner's Registered Address as stated in the Partner Enrollment Form, or, if not applicable, the Supervisory Authority of the Member State in which the Data Subjects whose Personal Data is transferred under this Agreement in relation to the Technology are located.