

Head Data Privacy & AI Compliance - Switzerland & Germany

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About the Role

- Lead DPDAI for Switzerland and Germany, ensuring strong local implementation of Novartis' global Data Privacy & AI program.
- Manage and develop the German DPDAI team; set clear priorities, ways of working, and delivery standards.
- Serve as Data Privacy Officer for the Swiss Novartis entities.
- Partner with business and functional leaders to enable responsible data and AI use—providing clear, pragmatic regulatory advice.
- Translate global policies and standards into practical country guidance (e.g., consent, secondary use, retention/destruction, and cross-border transfers).
- Act as the first point of contact for interpretation and application of group-wide DPDAI policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Horizon-scan for emerging privacy and AI legislation; assess impact and drive timely country adoption of required changes.
- Own the country DPDAI risk strategy—identify, assess, and escalate key risks through governance channels, including senior leadership reporting where needed.
- Oversee privacy notices, procedures, training, and response processes (e.g., access requests and complaints) in line with global standards.
- Maintain evidence and risk/control documentation in OneTrust and related frameworks, enabling timely remediation by the business.
- Represent Novartis in relevant industry groups and associations on privacy and AI topics.

Requirements

Essential

- Law degree or business degree with executive education in data privacy (Swiss and German context).
- Proven people leadership experience.
- Deep knowledge of global data privacy and AI regulatory regimes and how to apply them in practice.
- Hands-on experience designing and running privacy/AI compliance programs, controls, and governance.
- Ability to operate effectively in complex, multi-country regulatory environments.
- Strong stakeholder management and influencing skills across business and functional teams.
- Fluent in German and English.

Desirable

- Experience in an international law firm and/or in a data privacy & AI compliance function within a multinational organisation.
- Relevant certifications (e.g., CIPP/E, CIPM, AIGP, or AI ethics/compliance credentials).
- Experience in the pharmaceutical, life sciences, or healthcare sector.

Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion:

Novartis is committed to building an outstanding, inclusive work environment and diverse teams representative of the patients and communities we serve.

Adjustments for Applicants with Disabilities:

The law provides for severely disabled / equal applicants the opportunity to involve the local representative body for disabled employees (SBV) in the application process. If you would like to request this, please let us know in advance as a note on your CV.

Role Requirements

Why Novartis: Helping people with disease and their families takes more than innovative science. It takes a community of smart, passionate people like you. Collaborating, supporting and inspiring each other. Combining to achieve breakthroughs that change patients' lives. Ready to create a brighter future together? <https://www.novartis.com/about/strategy/people-and-culture>

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Division

DIV_EC

Business Unit

Audit & Compliance

Location

LOC_DE

Site

Munich (Novartis Business Services GmbH)

Company / Legal Entity

DE61 (FCRS = DE061) Novartis Business Services GmbH

Alternative Location 1

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Functional Area

FCT_LI

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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