The legal tasks of the Anti-Discrimination Agency are:

- disability, age or sexual identity.

The Anti-Discrimination Agency is a focal point for all people who feel discriminated against on grounds of racial or ethnic origin, gender, religion or belief, and acts as a focal point for people affected by discrimination. Its tasks are laid down in the General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz – AGG).

Specialised Human Rights Bodies

Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (Antidiskriminierungsstelle des Bundes)

The Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, which has its office at the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, is an independent focal point for people affected by discrimination. Its tasks are laid down in the General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz – AGG). The Anti-Discrimination Agency is a focal point for all people who feel discriminated against on grounds of racial or ethnic origin, gender, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual identity.

The legal tasks of the Anti-Discrimination Agency are:
People who feel discriminated against or have questions about the AGG can contact the Anti-Discrimination Agency by telephone, e-mail or post, or via the electronic contact form. Guidance for businesses is available at [http://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.de/](http://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.de/), answering basic questions about the implementation of the AGG in companies.

The contact details of the Anti-Discrimination Agency are as follows:

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10117 Berlin
Tel.: (+49)(0)30 18 555 - 1855
Counselling email address: beratung@ads.bund.de
Email for general enquiries: poststelle@ads.bund.de
Website: [http://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.de/](http://www.antidiskriminierungsstelle.de/)

The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (Der Bundesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz und die Informationsfreiheit – BfDI)

The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (BfDI) is an autonomous and independent supervisory authority for data protection at federal level. The tasks of the BfDI are set out in Article 57 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Article 14 of the Federal Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz – BDSG). Its main tasks are:

- monitoring and enforcing the GDPR, the BDSG and other provisions relating to data protection;
- raising awareness and educating the public concerning the risks, rules, guarantees and rights in connection with the processing of personal data;
- providing advice to the German Bundestag and to the upper house (Bundesrat), the Federal Government and other institutions and committees on legislative and administrative data protection measures;
- raising awareness and providing advice to data controllers in their area of responsibility concerning their obligations arising from the GDPR, the BDSG and other provisions on data protection;
- handling complaints from data subjects or complaints from data protection associations;
- cooperating with other supervisory authorities in Germany and Europe, exchanging information and providing mutual assistance;
- conducting investigations and controls;
- contributing to the work of the European Data Protection Board.

The BfDI can also issue opinions to the German Bundestag or any of its committees, the Bundesrat, the Federal Government, other bodies and agencies, and the public. At the request of the German Bundestag, one of its committees or the Federal Government, the BfDI also examines any information about data protection-related processes within the public authorities of the Federal Government.

According to Article 77 of the GDPR or – within the scope of the Law Enforcement Directive – Article 60 of the BDSG, any person has the right to lodge a complaint with the BfDI if they believe that a body subject to the BfDI’s supervision has violated their rights.

The contact details of the Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information are as follows:

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53117 Bonn
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Website: [http://www.bfdi.bund.de](http://www.bfdi.bund.de)

Online forms can also be used to contact the BfDI, lodge complaints and report data breaches. In addition, the contact details of the Länder data protection officers for the public and non-public sphere, broadcasters, churches, and data protection officers in Europe and elsewhere are available on the BfDI website.

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