3 DATA MANAGEMENT: THE EDITOR WORKFLOW

3.1 The workflow header

The workflow header is visible only to logged-in users. It shows various meta-information about the state of the current version of a deal or investor and provides various actions depending on the user's role. In the subsequent descriptions, only the **version** will be used to name a deal or investor version.

Legend

1 State of the current version and subsequent steps in the editor workflow.

2 Here the version can be passed one step; in this case to '**submitted for review'.**

3 The draft version can be edited repeatedly, as often as it is needed.

4 Button to delete the current draft version.

5 This creates an identical copy of a certain deal.

6 Indicates whether a deal version will be publicly visible after activation.

7 The **Logbook** shows all editor comments and workflow activities with their respective date and the respective username.

8 Indicates that there is an active version available. Clicking this button switches to the active version.

3.1.1 State of the object version and steps to active state

| Draft | Submitted for review | Submitted for activation | Activated |

The blue field marks the current status of the displayed deal version. This deal version has the status '***Draft***'. The whole row shows the successive steps the version has to go through to reach the status 'Active' to become publicly visible.

The steps an objects version must go through:

1. **Draft:** In this state a version can be edited several times. Each time a user saves such a draft, it overwrites the already existing draft. It behaves just like editing and saving a document in MS Word.
2. **Submitted for review:** The version must be reviewed by an editor or administrator.
3. **Submitted for activation:** The version must be reviewed and can be activated by an administrator.
4. **Active:** Although active objects are theoretically public, this is only the case if they fulfil certain criteria, which is automatically determined by the platform (e.g. operating or parent company present, more than one data source).

3.1.2 Will the deal version be publicly visible?

This applies only to deals: If a deal version is gone through review and finally set active, it has to comply with several criteria to be publicly available. The workflow header indicates whether the deal will be publicly visible or not. In addition, for each of the four conditions it is displayed whether it is fulfilled or not. Only if all conditions are fulfilled, it is publicly available. The conditions are:

- The deal is not set 'confidential'
- The target country is set
- At least one data source is listed
- At least one investor, this can be an operating company or a parent company.

🚫 **Not publicly visible**
- ◯ Not confidential
- ✔ Target country is set
- ✘ No data source
- ✘ No known investor

This deal is not publicly visible.

Cause:

- missing data source
- missing investor (operating company or parent company

 This deal is publicly visible

3.2 Editing and submitting an object version

3.2.1 Editing an object version

The current user can continue to edit the version by opening it in the editor. For reporters this is only allowed for versions of which he is the author and only as long as it is in the *draft* state.

Please note: Re-editing the version doesn't create a new version as was the case in the former editor. Instead: **Editing a draft version overwrites the former draft version** exactly as you would expect it in Microsoft Word. Or put differently: The draft mode itself is not versioned.

3.2.2 Submitting an object version for review
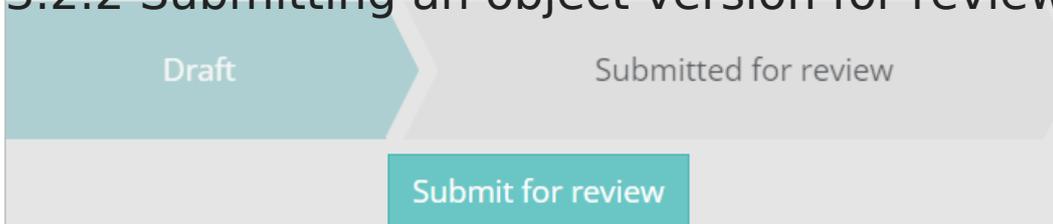
 When finished editing an

object, you can save it and close the edit form. In the workflow header you find the button *'submit for review'*. When clicking on it you a dialog box will open:
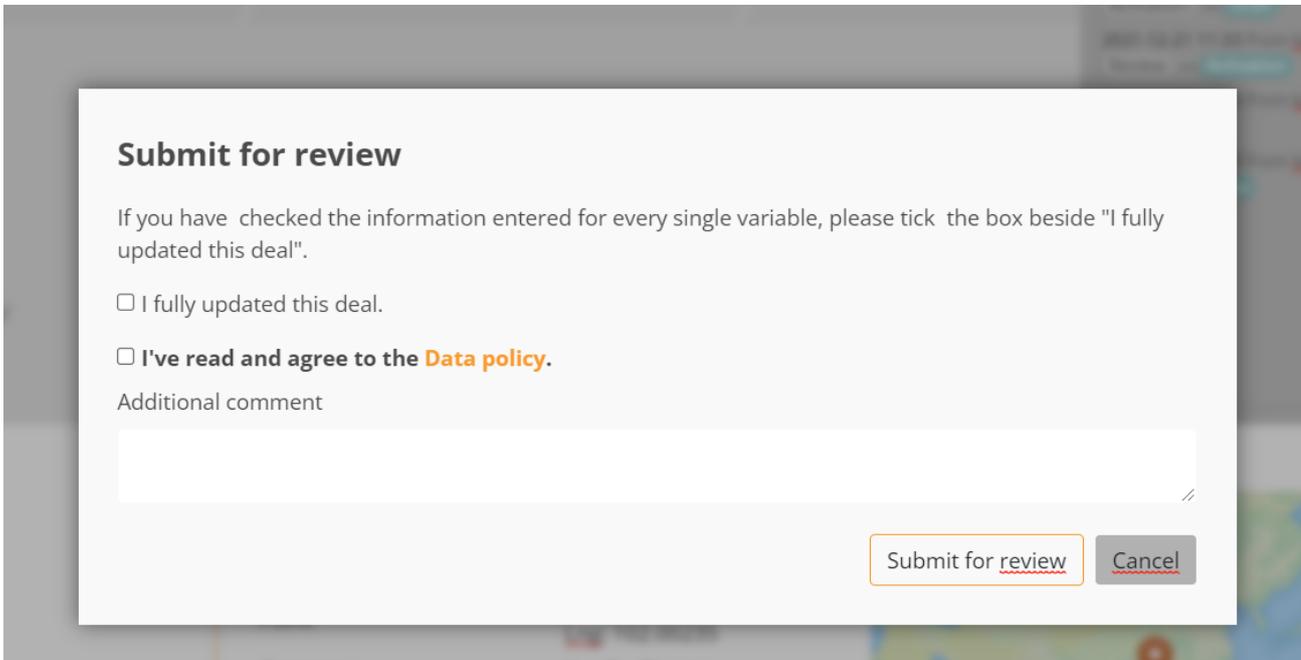
If you did a full update of the deal, then you should tick the box beside "I fully updated this deal."
You have to agree to the Data policy. You can add an optional comment which will then be visible in the **"Logbook"**.
When clicking on **"Submit for review"**, the state of the object version changes to *Submitted for review*.

Note: If you are a **reporter**, you will still be able to see the object, but you will **not be able to edit** the object anymore as long as it is not activated.
After this step, any other change on the object will create a new version.

3.2.3 Reviewing an object version

Only editors and administrators are able to review an object version.

The reviewer (editor or administrator) has to decide, either to approve the object version by clicking on '**Submit for activation**' or to ask the author (reporter) for an improvement by clicking on '**Request improvement**'.

Note: The process of reviewing an object, means to really look at the variables and changes done and decide if it complies to the quality requirements so that it can be published at the end of the workflow process. The indication concerning '**Publicly visible**' is of great help here. In general, the goal is for the objects to be publicly visible.

If, as a reviewer, you want to approve the submitted object version, you click on '**Submit for activation**'.

If you think there are things to be improved before moving further, a reviewer has three options:

1. Sending a '**Request for improvement**' to the original author of the object version
2. Sending a '**Request for improvement**' to another user
3. **Edit** the object directly as editor or administrator

Note: A new draft version of the object will be created in any of the three cases. After editing/improving the object, the new draft version has again to be submitted for review. The new object version will be attributed to the user editing and saving the draft version.

3.2.4 Sending a request of improvement

When requesting for an improvement a dialog box opens In which the editor or administrator must give an explanation. When clicking on '**Request improvement**' a new draft version of the object is created and assigned to the user, who submitted the object version for review. The user to whom it will be assigned, is indicated below 'Assign to user'. The user is required to edit, improve and
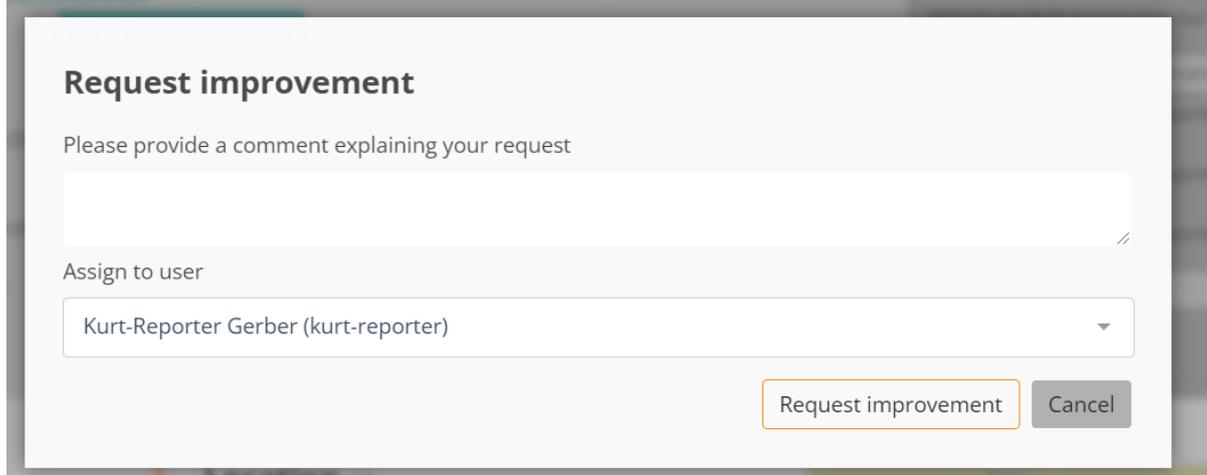
Request improvement

Please provide a comment explaining your request

Assign to user

Kurt-Reporter Gerber (kurt-reporter)

Request improvement   Cancel

If, in some cases, you wish to assign the object to another user for improvement, just search and select his username in the drop-down below '**Assign to user**'. The user, to which the request for

improvement is assigned, will receive a notification by email.

The case will be listed in the **management section** for the user to whom the case was assigned for improvement and for the editor or administrator who opened the request:

1. ***'Todo: Improvement requests for me'*** (see section "4 THE MANAGEMENT INTERFACE ") for the user to which the case was assigned for improvement

2. **'My requests: Improvements requested by me'** (see section "4 THE MANAGEMENT INTERFACE") the editor or administrator who requested the improvement.

3.2.5 Activating an object version

An object version submitted for activation can only be further processed by an administrator. To approve a deal, an administrator can click on '***Activate'***. Then the object version becomes active. If the workflow header indicates ***'Publicly visible'*** the object version will be publicly available for all visitors of the website.

If the administrator finds that the object version doesn't comply to required quality standards, he has the same options as when the object version was submitted for review: he can either ***request for an improvement*** or ***edit*** the object version directly. In both cases, a **new draft version** will be created and has then to undergo again the whole workflow process.

3.3 Additional actions on a single object version

3.3.1 Removing a version of an object

Each user can delete a draft version as long as it is not submitted for review. Submitted versions can only be deleted by editors or administrators.
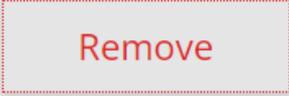
Please note:

- Deleting a version doesn't delete the whole deal or investor, but **only the current displayed version**.
- A removed (deleted) version is deleted for good and **can't be restored**.
- An **activated version can't be removed** anymore.

3.3.2 Deleting an object

Only administrators are able to delete a deal or an investor.
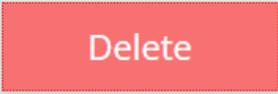
Deleting an object doesn't remove it from the database, in fact it is just marked as deleted. It will remain available to administrators in the **management section** under '**Data overview: All deleted'**. In the case of a faulty

3.3.3 Copy deal

- Pressing this button copies deal to a completely **new deal with a new ID**.
- **Only the newest version** is copied, no old versions.
- The **copy must then be edited and adjusted** to prevent identical duplicates.
- This tool is only available for administrators.

This tool is mainly here to simplify the recording of a large number of nearly identical deals.

3.3.4 Setting a deal confidential (not public)

Below the indication, if a deal version will be publicly visible or not, there is a switch to set an object *confidential*.

If for some reason, a deal has to be set *confidential*, an editor or administrator can click on the switch left of the 'Not confidential' indication.

Set confidential

If you set the confidential flag, this deal will not be publicly visible anymore. If you want to keep it public, click on 'Cancel'.

Please provide a comment explaining your request

Set confidential   Cancel

In the message box that appears, an explanation has to be given (mandatory). Then you can click on '**Set confidential'** and the current version of the deal will not be publicly visible, even if activated.

After activating the '*Confidential'* switch, the deal version is displayed as 'Not publicly visible'

3.4 The logbook

It lists all actions this object has gone through. Each with the indication of the date and time and the user who carried out the action. Thus, it becomes a logbook for all activities the object went through.

Like the workflow header itself, it is only visible for logged in users.

Below there are two activity buttons:

Send feedback: Any logged-in user can send feedback to any other user concerning that specific deal or investor.

Add comment: This will just add a comment to the logbook without sending it to somebody.

3.4.1 Send feedback

Send feedback

Please provide a comment explaining your request

Assign to user

Please select ⌄

Cancel   Send

Clicking on this

button opens a dialog window in which you can type a message and select a user to whom you would assign the feedback. The message will then be sent to the user selected in the **'Send to'** drop-box and displayed in the logbook. The object will then also be listed in the management interface under '**Feedback for me'** for the receiving user or '**Feedback by me'** for the sending user (see '4.2 Side menu').

After sending feedback, the user who sent it, will see it in the logbook. This entry will then be shown as a thread in which the sender or receiver of the feedback can answer directly to this feedback.

Logbook

2023-07-04 17:58   kurt.gerber → kurt-reporter

This is a test feedback....

Reply

Revision #8
Created 22 April 2024 14:07:06 by Kurt
Updated 17 May 2024 11:44:01 by Marie Gradeler