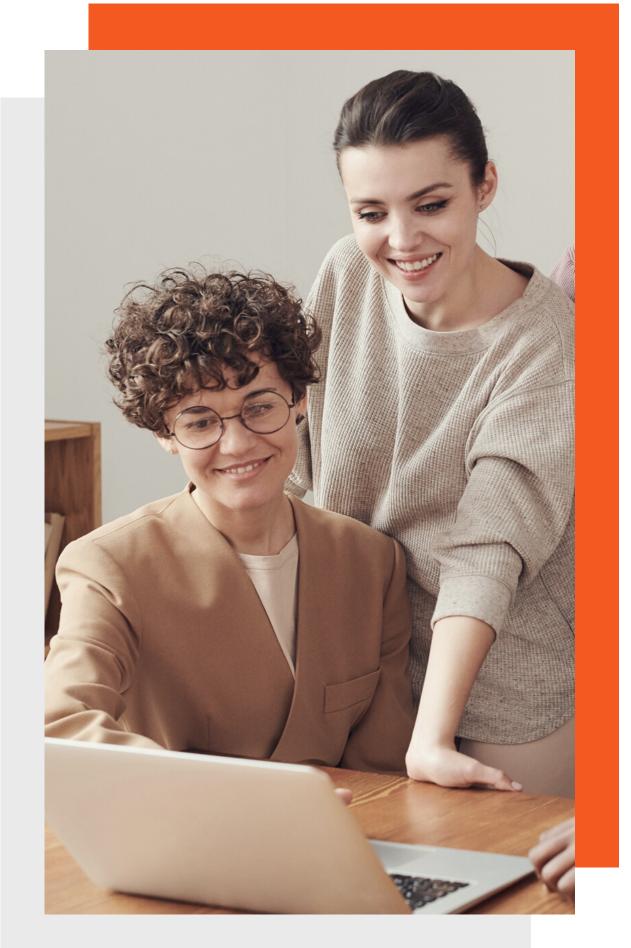


# Step-by-Step Instruction



For an easy application of the **AUSGEZEICHNET.org** features. **Professional-Package** 

## How to start...



On www.ausgezeichnet.org, you can access your dashboard by logging in (top right) with your email address and password. On the top right corner, you can switch the language to your preferences.

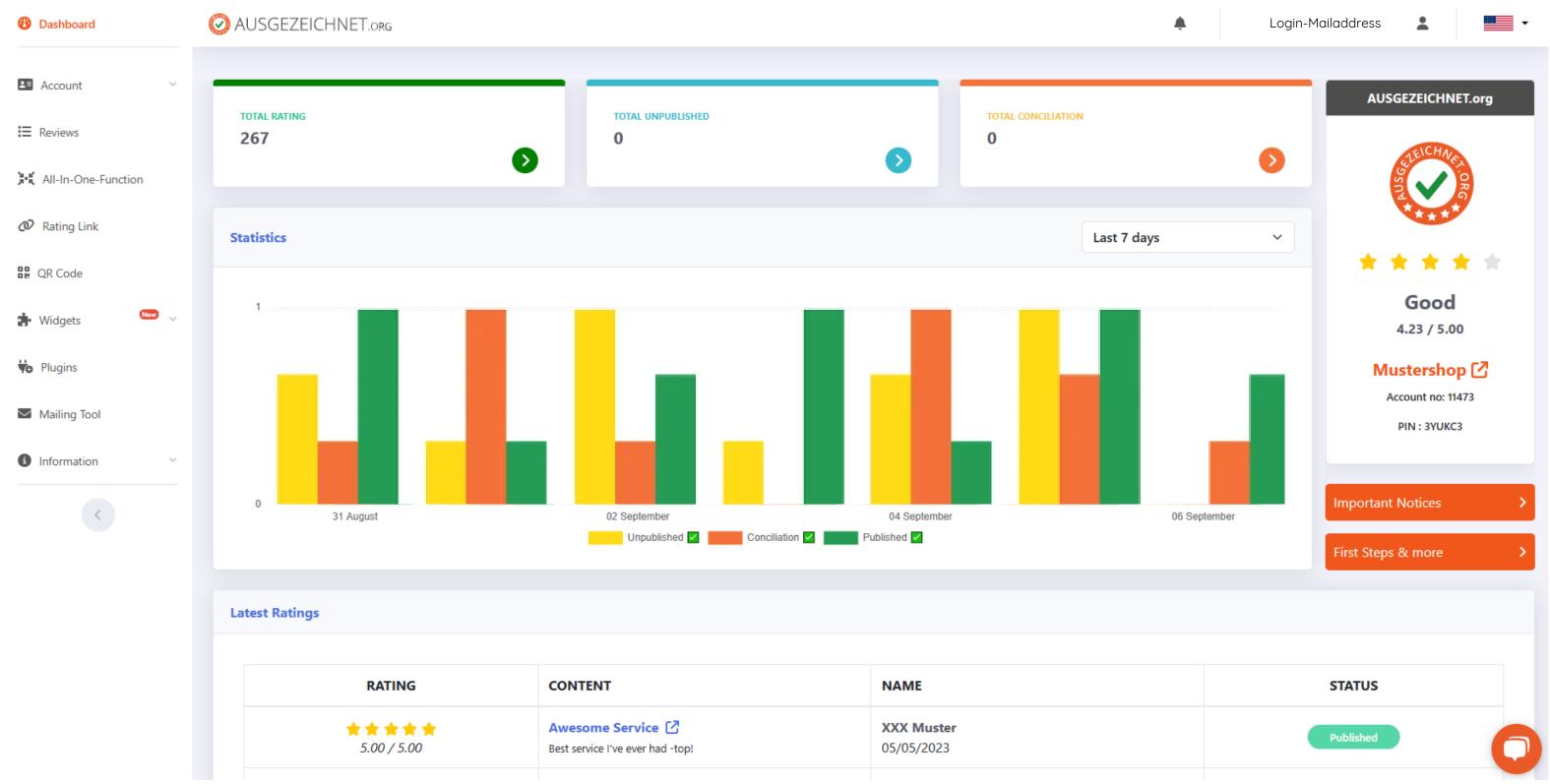
Your dashboard provides access to various features, which we will briefly explain in the next steps.

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### The Dashboard





## Step 1: Account



In the 'Account' section, you have the option to view and edit your company information (address, phone number, bank details, etc.).

**Under the 'Settings'** tab, you can also choose to disable the public review button on your profile page. Additionally, when integrating with external portals, you can decide whether or not to display the total number of reviews. You also have the option to select the language between English or German

Settings	
Show link to review form on profile page?	
•) If you do not want to display a link to the evaluation form on your profile page, select "no".	
○ Yes • No	
All-in-One Seal: Total number of ratings visible in the seal?	
•) If you do not want to display the total number of ratings in the rating seal when using the All-in-One function, select "no".	
○ Yes • No	
Language	
American English	
Save	

## Step 1: Account



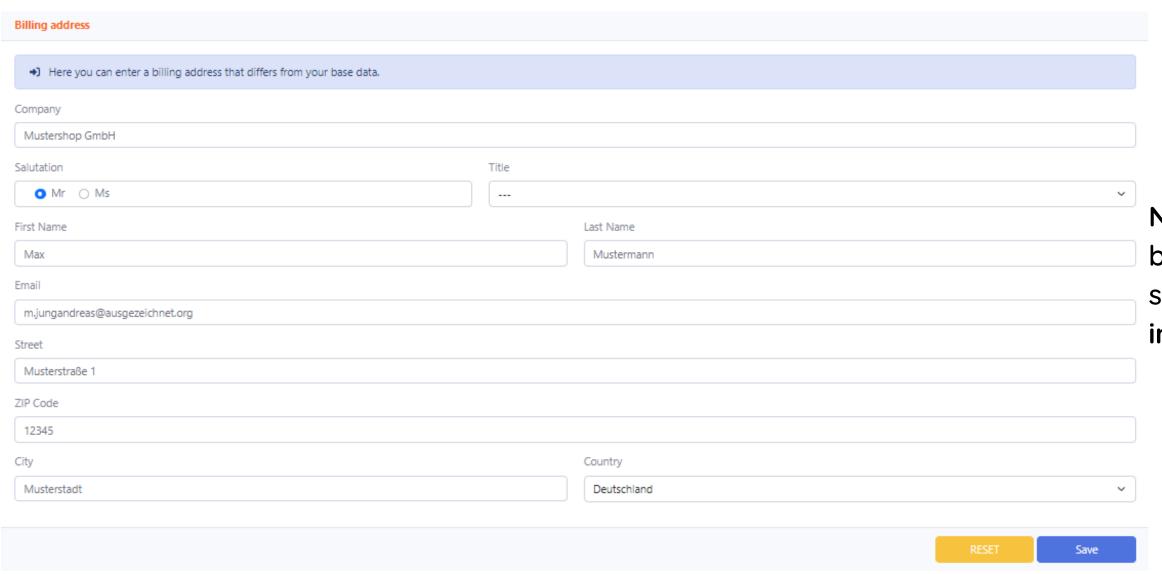
Furthermore, in the 'Account' section, you can also customize your 'public profile' by uploading a company photo or logo and adding a description of your business.

Public Profile	
Impressions Impressions are the first thing your customers see when they visit your profile. Use an image that shows your company in the best light.	
Description	
We recommend that you write at least 200 words about your company. This will help your customers to get to know you better.	
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Save	

## Step 2: Change billing address



In the 'Account' section, under the 'Billing Address' tab, you have the option to specify a different billing address.



Note: The email address entered here will be automatically used by our system for sending invoices. Please keep your information up to date.

## Step 3: Change data & password



If you click on your **email address** at the top right of the **dashboard**, you have the option to **view and edit** your user data if necessary.

User Data		Change Password	In this section, you can
→) Here you can customize your login data.			also 'Change Password'.
Salutation	Title		
O Mr ○ Ms		Change Password	
First Name	Last Name	Old Password	
Max	Mustermann	New Password	
Email		Confirm New Password	
m.jungandreas@ausgezeichnet.org			
			Change
		Save	

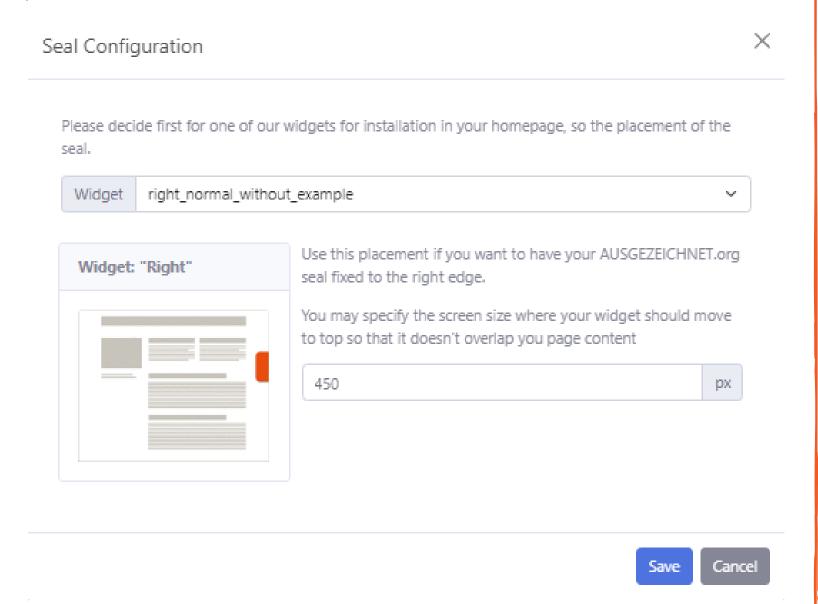


In the 'Widgets' section, under the 'Seal' tab, you have the option to place your seal.

There are basically two ways to embed our seal in an HTML template:

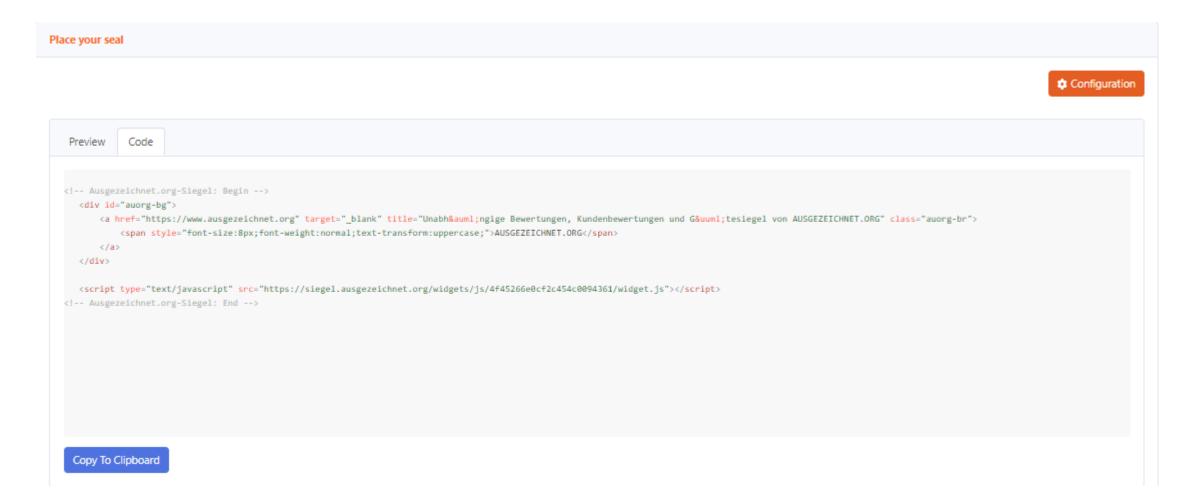
The first option is ideal for 'IT novices' and easy to handle: You can choose between placing the seal on the right or at the bottom of the screen. To do this, select 'Seal Configuration' and go to the selection page.

These seal placements are responsive and adapt to different screen sizes. With the 'right screen edge' widget, you also have the option to specify the breakpoint in pixel width. Once reached, the seal will move from the right to the top of the page.





After selecting the desired position and size, click the 'Save' button, copy the HTML code, and paste it into your central HTML template between <body> and </body>. However, the integration may vary depending on the shopping system.

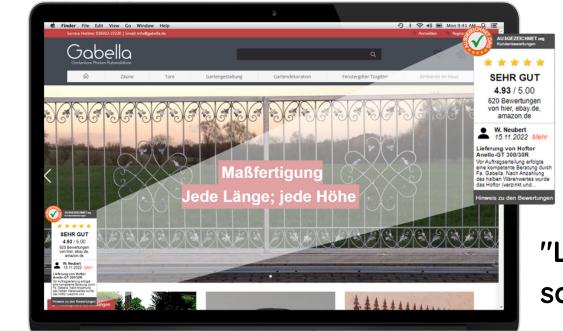


The second option is recommended for **IT professionals**. You can also position the seal exactly as desired by selecting one of the 'embedded' options. Copy the HTML code and paste it into the desired location in the HTML template where you want to place the seal.

#### There are several ways to place your seal



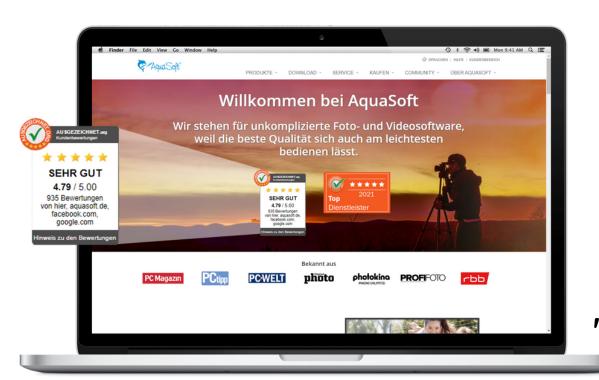
"Fixed right" or "Right sidebar"



"Left fixed with sample review"

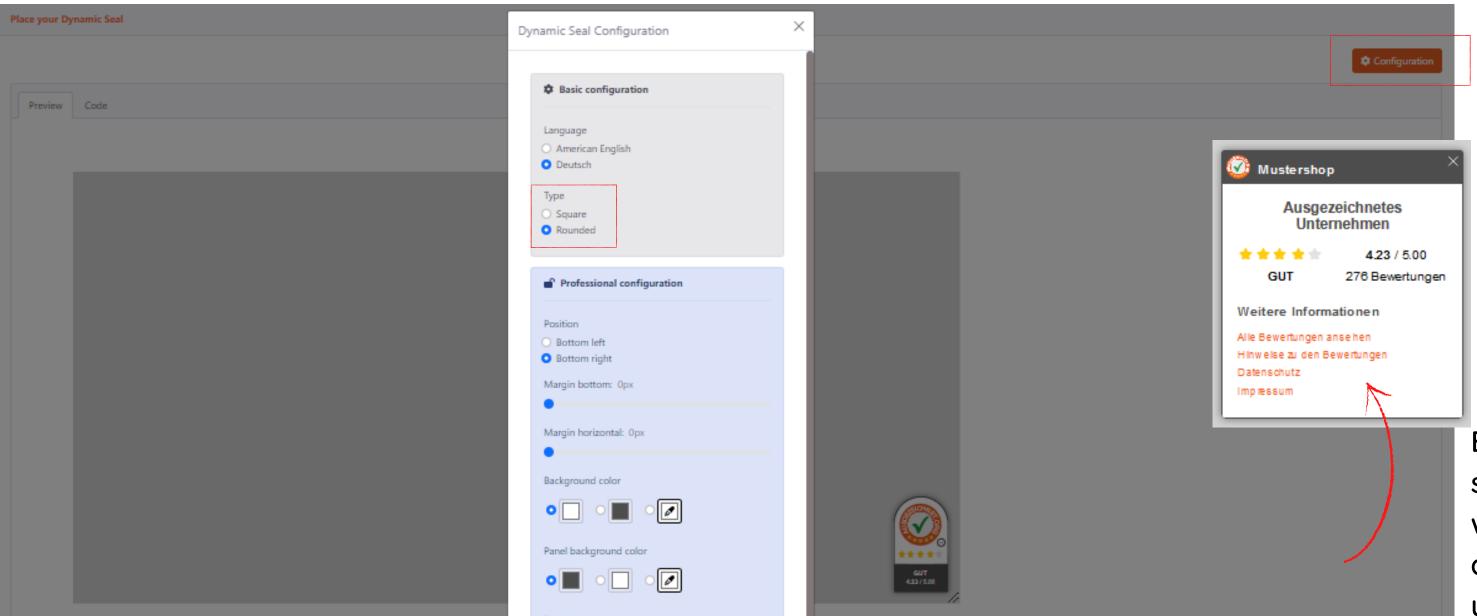


"Footer"



"Embedded"

In the "Widgets" section, under the "Dynamic Seal" tab, you have the option to dynamically display the review seal on your website. You can choose between two display types - square or rounded:



By clicking on the seal, the viewer will open a detailed page of your profile.

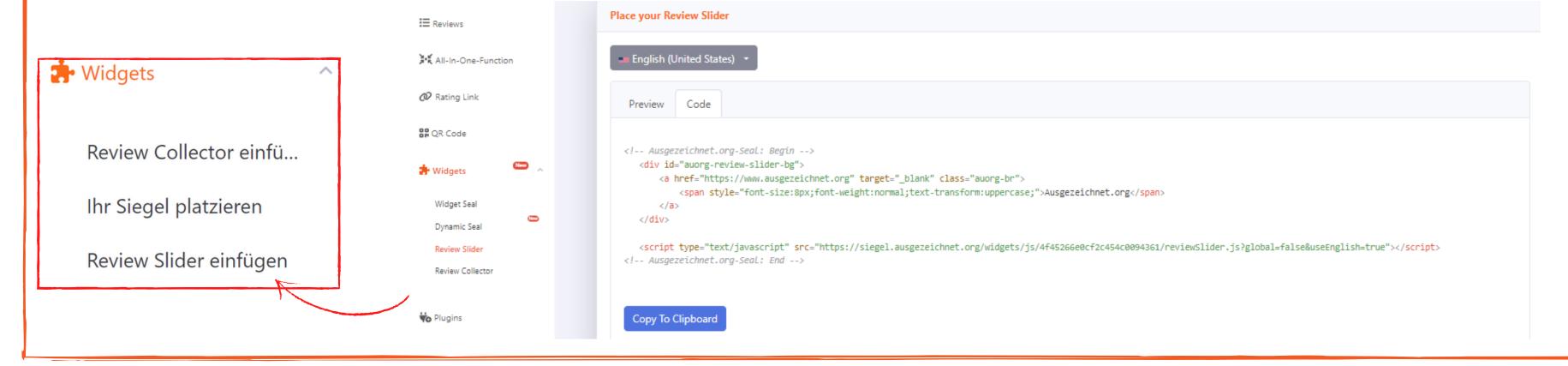
## Step 5: Review Slider



With the Review Slider, you can showcase your 10 latest reviews for your business on your website in a dynamic scroll. This allows your customers and potential customers to easily see and read reviews from others who have used your products or services.



After selecting the "Review Slider implementation" function in the "Widgets" section, you can establish the Review Slider on your website by following these steps:



#### **Step 5: Review Slider**

The language selection "German version" allows you to display the slider in German. If you prefer the "English version", switch to it. Copy the HTML code and paste it into your central HTML template between <body> and </body>. Please note that integration may vary depending on the shop system.



#### TIP:

If you want to set the size of the Review Slider yourself to match it with the overall design of your website, we recommend that you insert the HTML code into a box in your template.

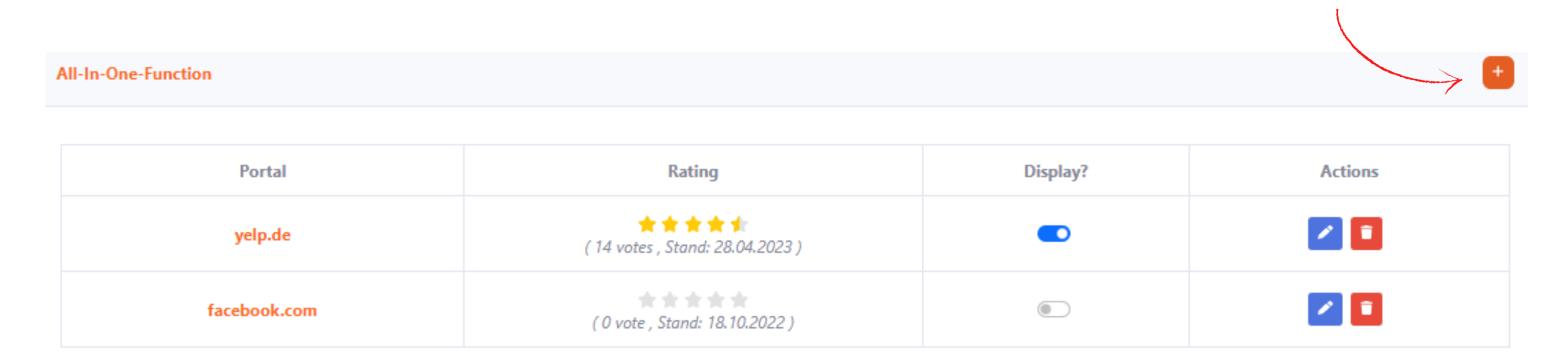
## Step 6: All-in-One Function



With the All-In-One function, you can enter, edit, or remove up to 3 external review portals (up to 7 portals in the Professional package).

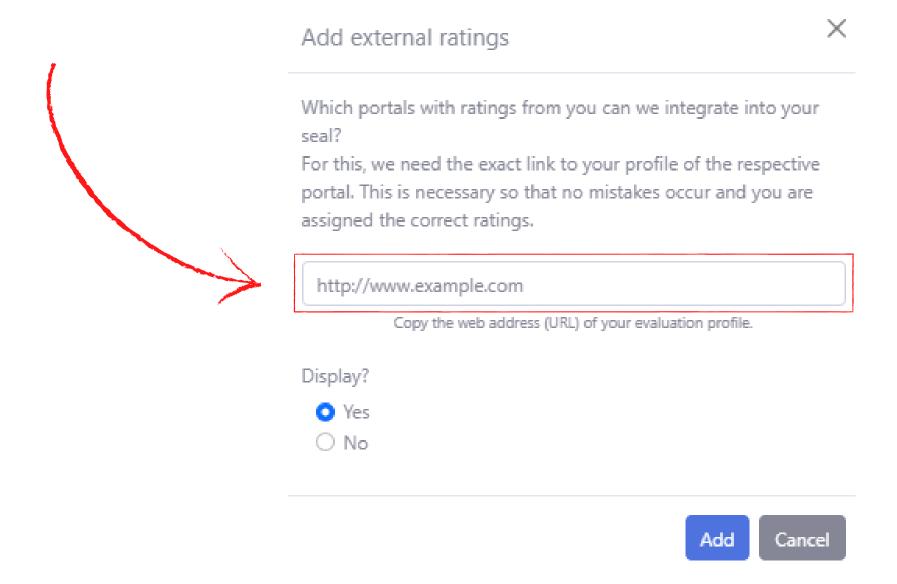
Registering a portal can be done in a few simple steps:

- 1. In the left navigation bar, you will find the "All-In-One Function" tab.
- 2. Clicking on the "All-In-One Function" tab will allow you to view and edit your portals.
- 3. Next to the "All-In-One Function" title, you can click on "Add Portal" to add your desired portal.



#### Step 6: All-in-One Function

- 4. Visit the URL of the portal where the number of ratings and the average rating are stored.
- 5. Paste the web address under "URL".
- 6. Click on "Add".



7. **Activation**: We will take care of this step for you. After reviewing your information, we will activate the portal and display it on your profile page. To avoid unnecessary waiting time, please let us know by email or phone as soon as you have added a new portal, so that our team can process it for you promptly.



#### Step 6: All-in-One Function



If you want to change the web address of the portal, you can do this under "edit". In addition, there is another function: you can control which portals you want to display and which ones you do not.

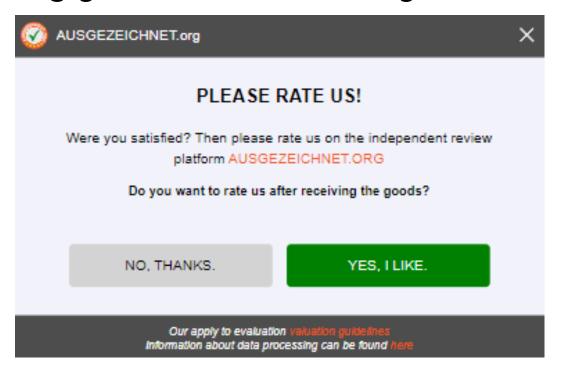
All-In-One-Function			+
Portal	Rating	Display?	Actions
yelp.de	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (14 votes , Stand: 28.04.2023 )		
facebook.com	( 0 vote , Stand: 18.10.2022 )		

**IMPORTANT**: Please note that you must have collected at least one customer review through AUSGEZEICHNET.org for the external portals to be displayed in the rating seal.

## Step 7: Place Review Collector

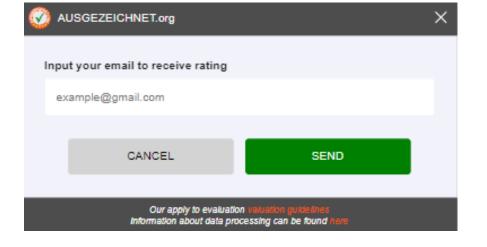


Using the Review Collector, you can collect reviews even more easily. Simply integrate the HTML code provided in your account on your Thank-You page. From now on, after a purchase or order, a pop-up window will appear asking your customer if they want to leave a review.



If your customer agrees, they can enter their email address and receive a review request after a

period of time specified by you.



#### Step 7: Place review collector

To integrate the Review Collector on your website, you only need to copy the HTML code from the "Review Collector insert" section in the left navigation under "Widgets" and paste it into the template of your Thank-You page between <body> and </body>. You have the option to integrate the Review Collector in German or English. Simply select the desired language under the flag icon.

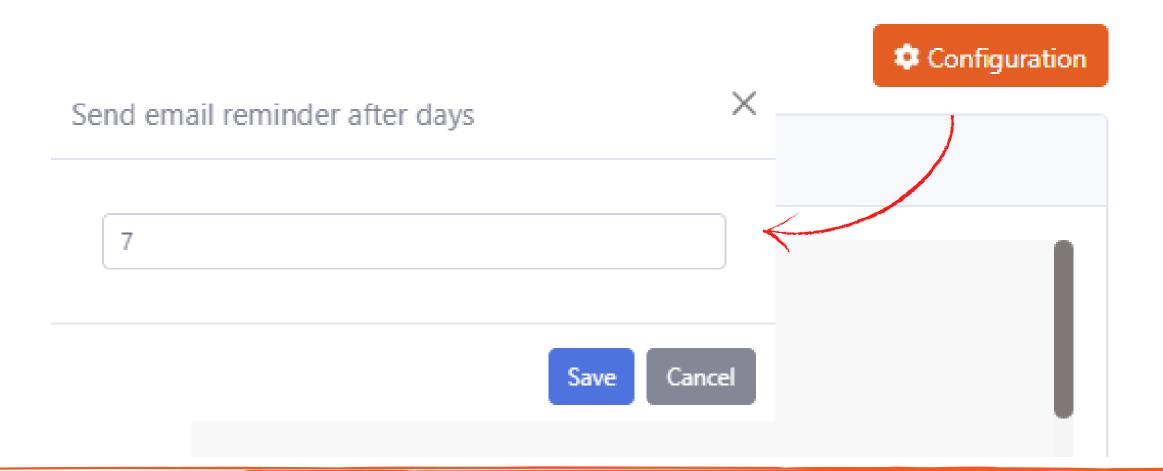


#### Step 7: place review collector



Under "Configuration", you can set the number of days between your customer entering their email address and the automatic sending of the review request.

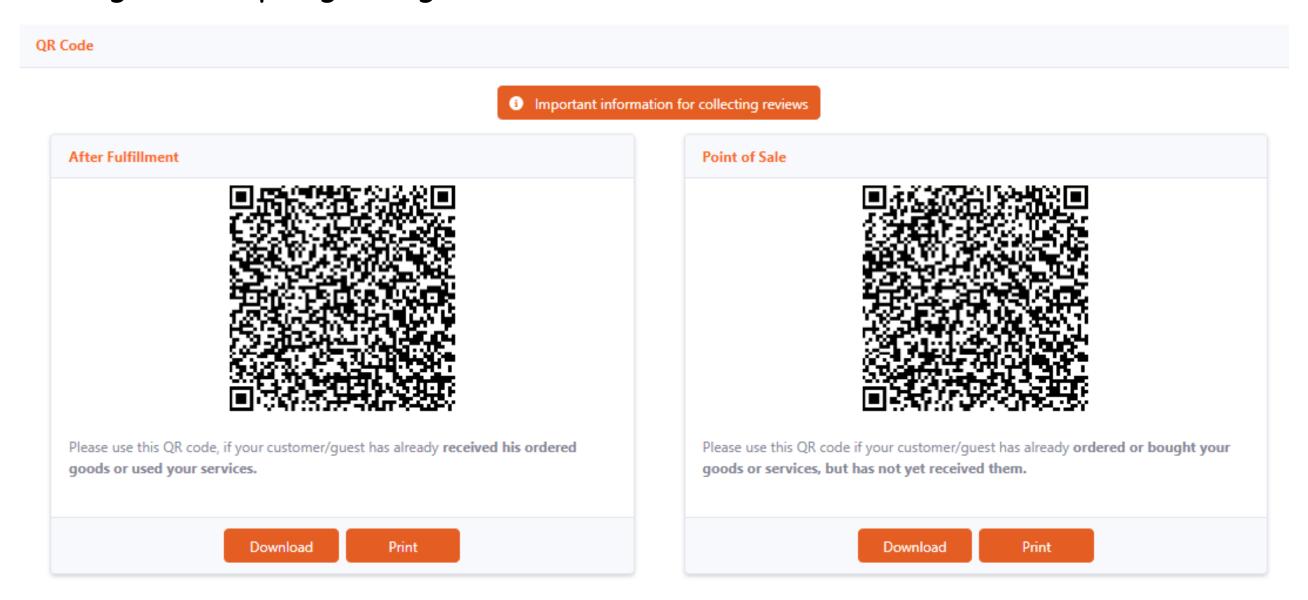
The ideal time for this is typically about three days after receipt of the product or service. Therefore, when setting the timing of the review request, please also consider the estimated delivery time.



## Step 8: QR-Code



With the help of the **QR code**, you can now collect reviews even more easily and at the same time create more attention for your company and your service.



To establish the QR code in your business, simply select the "QR Code" function in the left sidebar and "download" or "print" the QR code generated specifically for you.

## Step 9: Rating Link



On the left side of the "Dashboard", you will find the "Rating link" option.

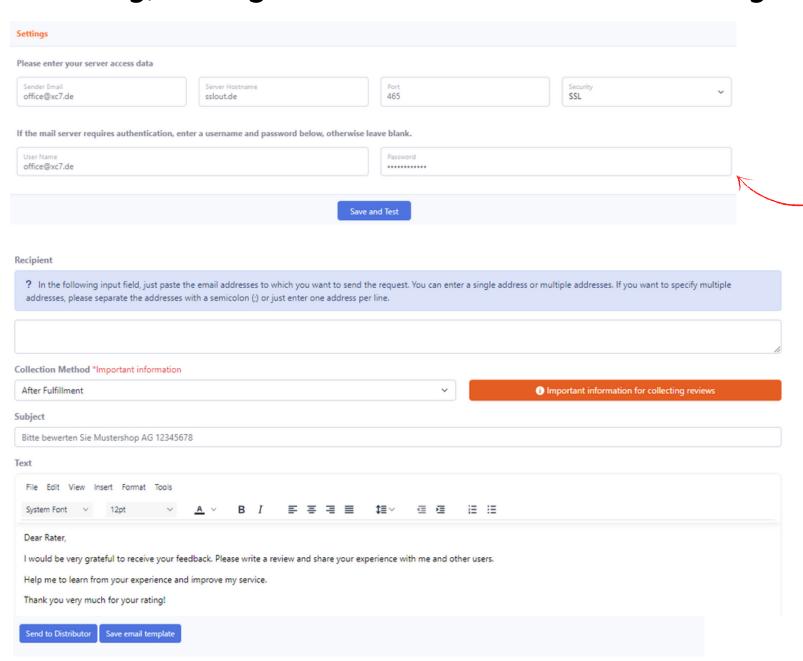
You can insert these links into your automated emails, such as your newsletter or email signature. This allows your customers to leave a review at any time.

Our Message	
Dear customer,  If there is no plugin available for your shop software or CMS, we have provided you with an example description for manual integration.  With this encryption method of the rating link and the additional information "pos" = point of sale (rating due direct afer purchase or "af" = after fullfillment (rating due eg 3 days after purchase we increase the value of the reviews to Google and ensure the highest level of protection by encrypting the links (spam ratings).	:),
After Fulfillment	
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Point of Sale	
http://www.ausgezeichnet.org/bewerten-mustershop.de-QR3GU?source=qr&collmethod=pos&hash=WE9McGZqaWY4eWVGQzNINU0wOFJPdkQvcnl3Rm9OVVdnV2NCM1B2Qw	
Allround Rating Link	
Send this personal rating link to your customers and ask them to provide a rating for you. Three days after receipt of a product or service have proved to be an optimal time	
https://www.ausgezeichnet.org/bewerten-mustershop.de-QR3GU?source=public_rating	â
Note: This link is not encrypted, so it is not relevant to Google Ads, preferably use our review collector, mailing tool or one of our CMS plugins.	

## Step 10: Mailing Tool



With the help of our mailing tool, we enable you to contact your customers personally in a simple and fast way, asking them to leave a review about your service.



- 1. Select the "Mailing Tool" tab in the left navigation bar
- 2. Configure your own mail server in your account (you can update your information under "Account" and "Mail Server")
- 3. Enter recipients
- 4. Select the time for the review request
- 5. Subject (default subject, which you can change if necessary)
- 6. Text (which you can also customize)
- 7. Add images and links (if desired)
- 8. Click the "Send to Mailing List" button and the Mailing Tool will send the request for a review to your existing customers
- 9. Or "Save Email Template"

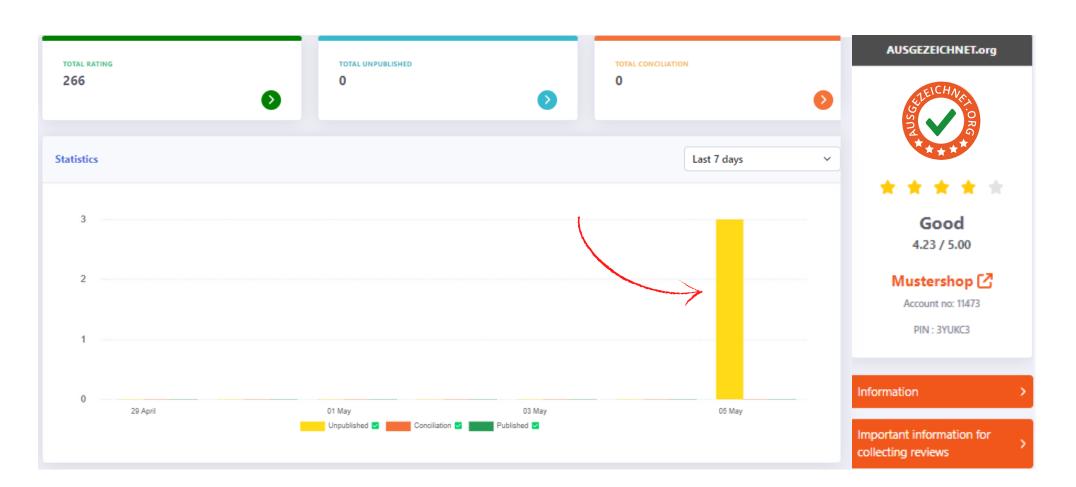
Note: To receive as many reviews as possible, we recommend that you send the review link via your own system.

## Step 11: View and approve reviews



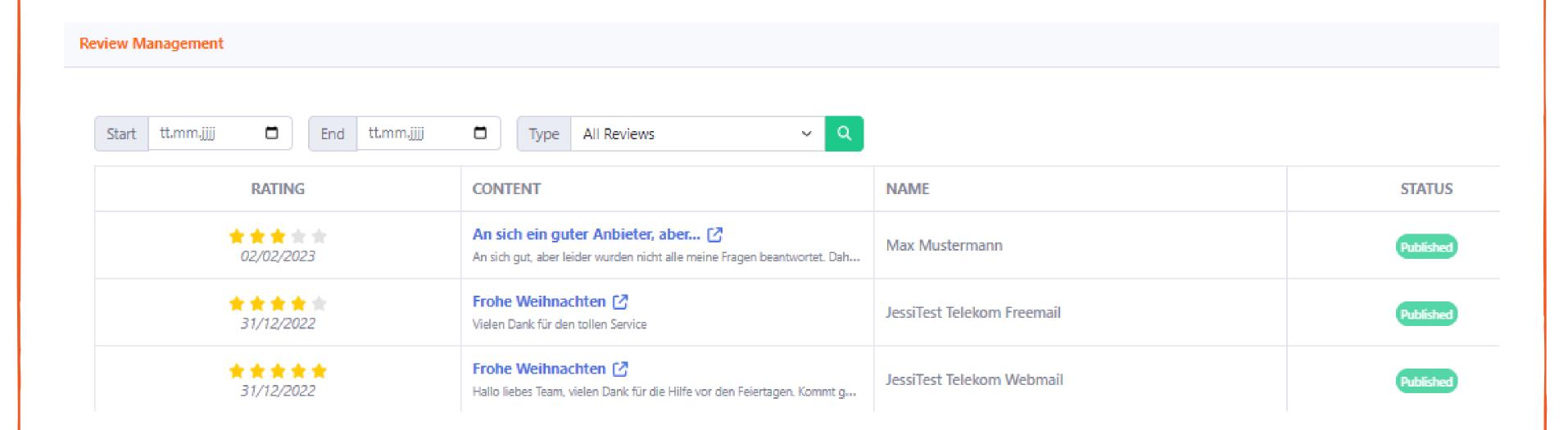
As soon as a new review is received, you will be notified by email and will have the option to view it under the "Dashboard" section. All unpublished reviews are displayed under the "Total Unpublished" box.

You also have the option to view the respective review content and release the review immediately by clicking on the yellow bar.



#### Step 11: View and approve reviews

Furthermore, under "Reviews" you have the option to view them by status. For example, under the tab "Unpublished Reviews" all reviews that have not yet been published are displayed.

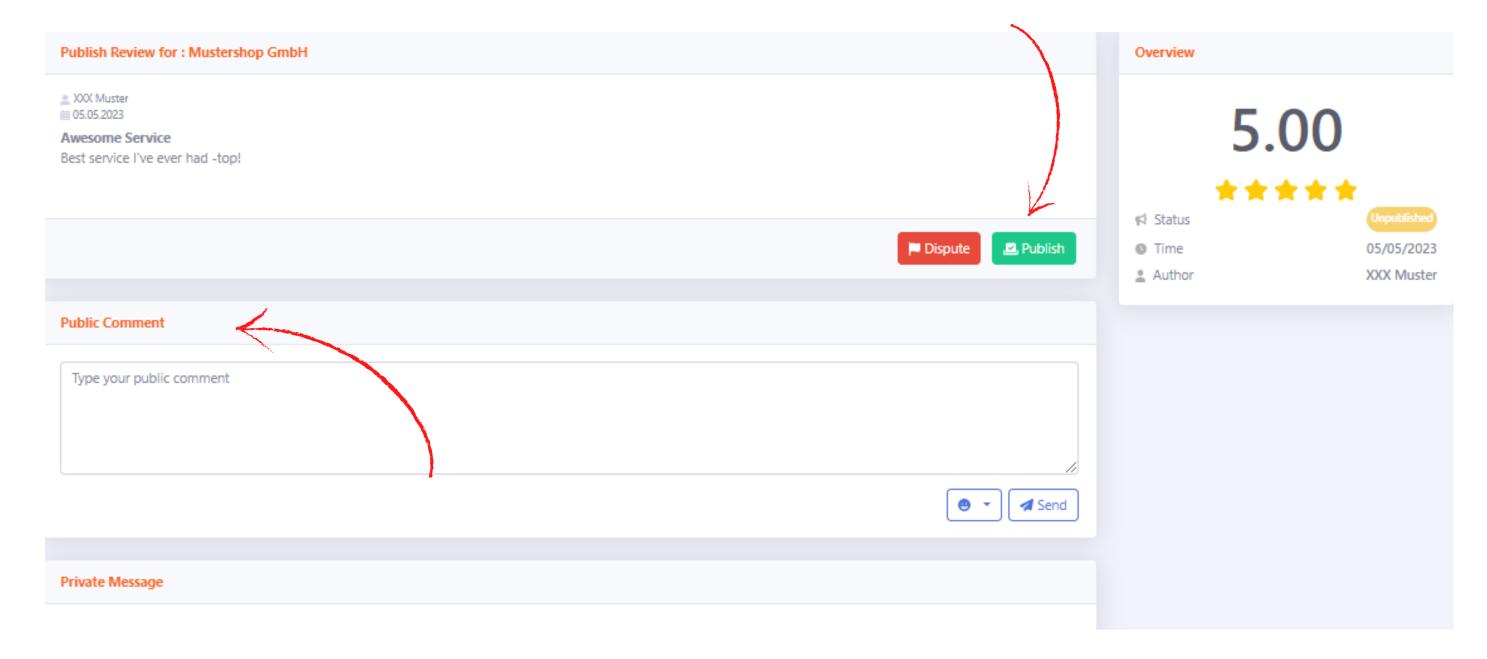


Here, the entire content of the review can also be viewed and the review can be released immediately.

#### Step 11: View and approve reviews



If you are satisfied with the review, click on "Publish" and the review will be publicly visible.

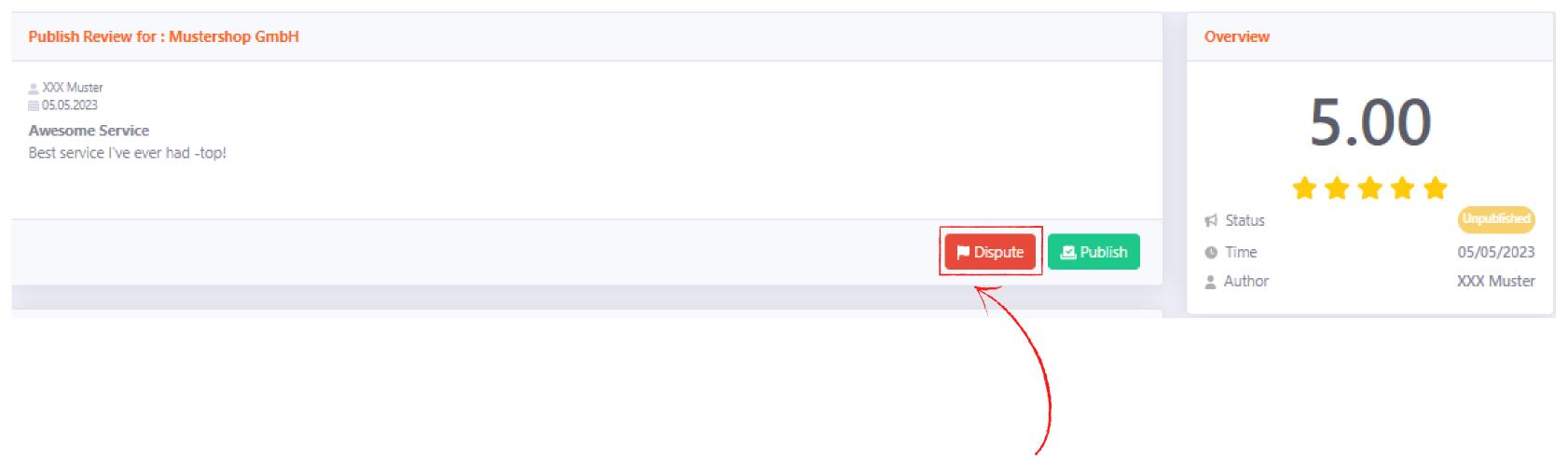


You are only partially satisfied with the review and would like to add a brief statement to the review? You can do so under "Public Comment".

Certainly, you can also use this opportunity to simply thank your customers for a good review.

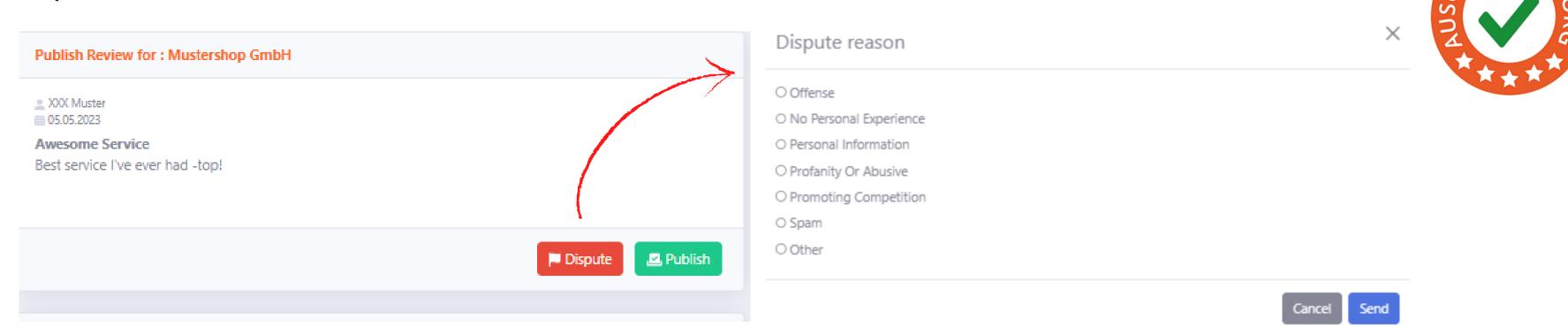
## Step 12: Mediation Process





Did you receive a negative review? Don't panic! Negative reviews are not necessarily bad. However, if you have a justified concern that a review is unjustified, contains insults or factual statements, our mediation team is here to help you. Please use our **mediation procedure** for this purpose.

#### **Step 12: Conciliation Process**



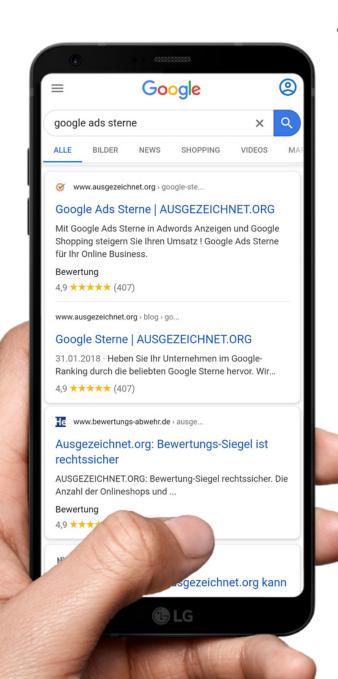
You can select a reason and provide further details in the lower field if necessary. If you need more space or want to attach files, please feel free to write us an email at: <a href="mailto:schlichtung@ausgezeichnet.org">schlichtung@ausgezeichnet.org</a>
You also have the option to send a private message to the customer to intervene and try to reach an agreement, with the possibility that the customer modifies the review positively.

#### Please always contact the reviewer personally first in case of a negative review.

If you are unable to reach an agreement with the reviewer despite personal communication, you can involve our experienced experts to mediate the dispute. We are happy to assist you with up to 5 conciliations per month. With the Professional package, we are available to assist you with an unlimited number of conciliations.

## Step 13: Your reviews & stars on Google





Within Google Ads, your reviews and stars are also displayed under your ad:

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Mustershop Produkte einkaufen - mustershop.de

Anzeige www.mustershop.de/Produkte ▼ 0800 7234689896

4,9 ★★★★ Bewertung: 4,9 - 78.672 Abstimmungsergebnisse

Jetzt auf Rechnung bequem bestellen.

Über 120.000 Kunden. Jeden Tag reduzierte Ware · Über 90.000 Produkte

Top 100 Produkte · Produkte Sale · 25 € Gutschein · Produkte ab 4,99 €

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You can find more information and requirements for displaying your reviews and stars in Google Ads on this <u>link</u>.

**Note:** Please be aware that we can only transmit your AUSGEZEICHNET.org reviews to Google. Reviews from external portals cannot be taken into account.

### Contact details



If you have any questions, we are happy to assist you! Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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