



“SUPPORT TO ACCESS TO RIGHT ON PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA”

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Personal data protection is guaranteed under the Article 18 of the Constitution “*The security and confidentiality of personal information are guaranteed. Citizens are guaranteed protection from any violation of their personal integrity deriving from the registration of personal information through data processing.*”

For this purpose the project aims into strengthening of the Directorate for Personal Data Protection (DPDP) as independent data protection supervisory body.

Harmonization of the national legislation with EU and international law and applying best practices and international standards in the area of personal data protection will foster and further strengthen the guarantees for personal data protection in the Country.

Therefore the EU-funded project aims to further improve the overall - legal and institutional - framework for data protection in line with the best EU practices in order to ensure that individuals can exercise their data protection rights effectively through:

- aligning the national regulations to the reformed EU data protection acquis and best practices,
- enhancing the cooperation with data controllers and processors,
- strengthening the mechanisms for personal data protections in different areas,
- developing and implementing a data protection strategy,
- implementation of ISO IT and privacy standards.



The Project aims to achieve the results under three project components:

1. Implementation of the Strategy for Personal Data Protection 2012 – 2016 followed by an Action Plan and developing the Strategy 2017 – 2022,
2. Strengthening the capacities for further implementation of the Law on Personal Data Protection and improving the cooperation with controllers and processors,
3. Implementation of ISO standardization for the information security system in the Directorate for Personal Data Protection.

**Component 1:
Implementation of the Strategy for
Personal Data Protection 2012 – 2016
followed by an Action Plan and developing
the Strategy 2017 – 2022**

The project should develop a new Strategy 2017-2022 on implementation of the right of personal data protection followed by an action plan and create a methodology for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy and the action plan. Mechanisms for strengthening the personal data protection will be established by applying the latest international concepts and measures in this field. The Project will assist in preparing a draft law amending the Law on Personal Data Protection in order to harmonize national legislation in the sector with EU and international standards, and it will develop user friendly guidelines/Manuals. The Project will facilitate the implementation of the legal provisions through practical examples in different sectors. The project aims to improve public awareness for the right on personal data protection and will develop a Communication strategy that will be implemented by the DPDP. The project will strengthen the inspection department by improving the efficiency of inspection decisions and introducing mechanisms for online-inspections.

**Component 3:
Implementation of ISO standardization for
the information security system in DPDP**

ISO standards for IT and privacy security in DPDP will be implemented. An updated Information Security Management System policy will be prepared and published. The DPDP employees will be trained on ISO 27001 and other privacy security standards.

Summary

On 23rd November 2015, the EU funded project “Support to Access to Right on Protection of Personal Data” was launched, aiming at further enhancing data protection in the Beneficiary Country and strengthen the operational capacities of the Directorate for Personal Data Protection (DPDP). Within 24 months and with a budget of 900.000 EUR, the Project is expected to achieve twelve results under the three project’s components:

1. Implementation of the Strategy for Personal Data Protection 2012 – 2016 followed by an Action Plan and developing the Strategy 2017 – 2022;
2. Strengthening the capacities for further implementation of the Law on Personal Data Protection and improving the cooperation with controllers and processors;
3. Implementation of ISO standardization for the information security system in the Directorate for Personal Data Protection.

**Component 2:
Strengthening the capacities for further
implementation of the Law on personal
data protection and improving the
cooperation with controllers**

Activities under Component 2 will focus on conducting an assessment of the operational and institutional capacity of DPDP, strengthening the human resource capacity by providing trainings on relevant technical skills, soft skills, IT or foreign language knowledge of all staff in DPDP. Certified trainings for the DPDP Training Unit will be organized.

Joint activities with the Commission of Free Access to Information for promotion of the right for personal data protection and the right to free access to information are planned to be implemented as well. To improve the system for data protection within the law enforcement agencies, PPO and other relevant institutions and judiciary will be a priority of the Project.

The international cooperation of DPDP will be enhanced by strengthen the cooperation with Eurojust, Interpol and Europol regarding the implementation of the provisions for protection of the processing of personal data in the combating of the serious forms of transnational crime, including terrorism in the combating of the serious forms of transnational crime, including terrorism.

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