



COOPERATION AGREEMENT between

THE DATA STATE INSPECTORATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA and

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The Data State Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia and the National Center for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Moldova (hereafter – the Parties):

GUIDED by the spirit and provisions of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data no. 108, signed on the 28th of January 1981 (hereafter – the Convention no. 108/1981 of the Council of Europe),

RECOGNIZING the importance of the European standards on personal data protection for institutional capacity building of the Parties,

CONSIDERING the common interest in developing bilateral cooperation in the personal data protection field,

RECOGNIZING the necessity to cooperate in order to constantly progress in consolidating an efficient system of personal data protection,

BEING CONVINCED that this Agreement shall promote good relations and create favorable conditions for efficient protection of personal data of the citizens of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Moldova,

EXPRESSING the determination to establish relations between Parties, have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Purpose of the Agreement

According to the present Cooperation Agreement (hereafter – the Agreement), the Parties express their interest for further development of relations between the Data State Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia and the National Center for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Moldova, as well as their desire to promote their role at the European level, in the field of the protection of human rights and freedoms, in particular in the field of personal data protection.

Article 2 Areas of cooperation

The cooperation shall take place in accordance with this Agreement by promoting various activities, including:

- a. Exchange of information on the application of laws, regulations, standards and recommendations in the personal data protection field;
- b. Short term exchange of experts for the purpose of mutual professional development in specific sectors;
- c. Exchange of results of researches, studies, analysis, etc., in the field of privacy and personal data protection;
- d. Cooperation in the field of professional training (qualification), consultations, seminars, conferences, workshops, study visits;
- e. Sharing information on the changing of legal framework at both national and international level;
- f. Organizing activities focused on promotion of the protection of privacy and personal data;
- g. Cooperation in the implementation of national and international joint educational programs of mutual interest in accordance with the purpose of this Agreement;
- h. Share best practices in order to study the peculiarities in the functioning of institutional system in the field of personal data protection;
- i. Cooperation for the purpose of organizing projects of common interest for both institutions at the regional and international level;
- j. Provide mutual assistance in strengthening the institutional capacities of the Parties;
- k. Provide mutual assistance according to the provisions of Article 14 and Article 15 of the Convention no. 108/1981 of the Council of Europe;
- 1. Other forms of cooperation activities that can be mutually agreed upon, in the context of the present Agreement.

The planning and implementation of the various activities provided for in the Article 2 shall be carried out in a manner of agreeing on resources, budget and other global interests of the parties.

Article 3 Communication between the Parties

In order to achieve the cooperation activities of this Agreement as laid down in the Article 2, the Parties communicate directly in written form or in oral communications, using the English language.

For proper implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange contact details of the responsible representatives within 30 days after signing this Agreement.

In the framework of mutual assistance, stipulated in the Article 2 (k), communication between Parties shall be bound by appropriate obligations of confidentiality with regard to that information in accordance with the Article 15(2) of the Convention no. 108/1981 of the Council of Europe.

Article 4 Relationship with other provisions

This Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations arising from treaties and international agreements to which the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Moldova are Parties, from their membership in international organizations, or from any of their respective laws or status.

Article 5 Settlement of disputes and termination of this Agreement

In order to prevent a dispute on the application of this Agreement, each Party may prepare a written request for consultation.

Consultations shall take place no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of the written request.

Each Party may terminate this Agreement by informing in written form the other Party.

Article 6 Final provisions

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period and shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent in written form.

This Agreement is signed in Chişinău, on the 18th December 2019 in the Latvian, Romanian and English language in six duplicates, two for each language. All duplicates shall be considered as original.

In order to prevent a dispute on the application of this Agreement, an English language version has a priority.

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