



**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR DATA PROTECTION AND**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**  
**and**  
**THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

The National Center for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Moldova and the Hungarian National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (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 nr 108, signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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,

OBSERVING 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 Hungary and Republic of Moldova,

EXPRESSING the determination to establish strong 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 Hungary and 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 and right to privacy.

## **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 European 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, workshops, study visits and experts' visits;
- e. Sharing information on the changing of legal framework both at national as at international level;
- f. Organizing activities focused on promotion of the protection of privacy and personal data;
- g. Cooperation in drafting documents, opinions, recommendations at international and regional level;
- h. Cooperation in accreditation issues, in accordance with European standards;
- i. Cooperation in the implementation of national and international joint educational programs of mutual interest in accordance with the purpose of this memorandum;
- j. Share best practices to study the peculiarities in the functioning of personal data protection institutional systems of the Parties;
- k. Cooperation in projects of common interest at the regional and international level;

- l. Provide assistance in strengthening the institutional capacities of the Parties;
- m. Provide mutual assistance in the framework of the Article 14 and Article 15 of the Convention no. 108/1981 of the Council of Europe;
- n. Promoting the establishment of a common cooperation framework between interested stakeholders with the view of a better protection of privacy and personal data;
- o. Other forms of cooperation activities that can be mutually agreed upon, in the context of the present Agreement.

### **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, as set forth in the Article 2(m) of this Agreement, 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 Hungary and the Republic of Moldova are parties, respectively, 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. According to the sub-paragraph 3 of this Article, the Agreement shall be considered null on the first day after six months from the date of its termination, the date on which the other Party received the written notification as set forth in the sub-paragraph 3 hereof.

**Article 6**  
**Final provisions**

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

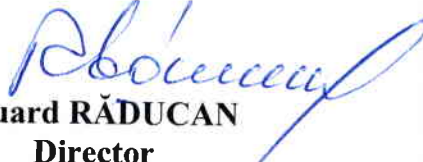
This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent between the Parties in written form at any time.

This Agreement is signed in Budapest on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 in Romanian and English language in four duplicates, two for each language. All duplicates shall be considered as original.

**THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL  
AUTHORITY FOR DATA PROTECTION  
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