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The fifth annual report shows: The GDPR means business!

on the occasion

the

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) shows the State Commissioner for Data Protection and

Freedom of Information (LfDI), Dr. Imke Sommer, pleased that it was a success in 2022, too

to impose a significant number of fines under the GDPR in the state of Bremen. "The one from

Bremen's budgetary legislators decided to increase the number of employees in accordance with data protection law

Inspectorate has allowed in the last year 30 fines total

2,073,070 euros were imposed."

Of the data in connection with the illegal processing of prospective tenants

The highest fines that have become known have been set aside against companies

Fines of up to 75,000 euros imposed. For example, they sanction the disclosure of

Employee data by the former to the new employer and the unlawful

Showing member photos at the entrance of a fitness studio. Also for violations of

The State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information imposed some information rights

fines. According to the GDPR, data subjects have the right to know which of their data is processed by

responsible bodies for what purposes are stored, used and passed on.

Addressees of fines were not only companies, but also

individuals. For example, they misused personal data that they received on the basis of

were aware of their professional position. After individual reviews, in which, in addition to the severity of the

Violations of fundamental rights also take into account the economic possibilities of these people

were fined in the amount of EUR 200 to EUR 1,000. Already in the previous year

fines of between EUR 750 and EUR 1,500 were imposed on police officers because

they had accessed police databases for private purposes.

A large part of the fines

in the

Employment Type. With 67 out of a total of 480 complaints was also included in 2022

clear part of which was received by the data protection supervisory authority in the state of Bremen

Complaints in this area. "Whether it's the ban on non-stop GPS, video or audio

tracking, the prohibition of unauthorized disclosure of personal data or the unlawful

access to e-mail inboxes by superiors is: The GDPR is serious about it

Employee data protection."

reacted to violations of data protection law

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proceed. So

personal data

However, data protection supervisory authorities can also act in other areas against the unlawful processing

the

Bremen Administrative Court, for example, orders from the LfDI with which they can delete

had ordered recordings of digitally held advisory board meetings. Another result of

The supervisory activity of the LfDI was the observance of the GDPR in catering establishments, about which guests had complained about video surveillance measures being carried out there. Also the

Data protection-compliant adaptation of software with the help of which data from insolvency debtors were publicly visible on websites of insolvency law firms was on supervisory procedures of the LfDI attributed.

The résumé of the state commissioner for data protection and freedom of information after almost five years

Validity of the GDPR: "The GDPR can not only show its teeth, but also powerfully bite."

In the 17th annual report published at the same time

wants freedom of information

State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information from the soon to be elected

Bremen citizenship, that the list of the need for improvement, which has meanwhile become very long

of the Bremen Freedom of Information Act becomes wasteland: "The state of Bremen shouldn't do it

can take to give the Bremen Freedom of Information Act to the majority that the

Administrative transparency takes the top spot nationwide."

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