

State representative for data protection in Saxony-Anhalt

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The General Data Protection Regulation is having a positive effect –

State representative presents his last activity report

Today, the state commissioner for data protection in Saxony-Anhalt, Dr. Harold von

Bose, his XVI. Activity report handed over to the President of the Landtag, Gabriele Brakebusch

Ben. This annual report 2019 was sent to the state parliament for information (LT-Drs.

7/6184).

The reporting obligation results from the order from the European data protection

Basic Regulation (GDPR). The report is therefore also submitted to the European Data Protection

Committee and sent to the European Commission.

The reporting period was to a large extent again due to the need for advice in the

with regard to the application of the new European data protection law (see No. 2.1).

The state representative continued to work in a variety of ways as a consultant, especially for small and

medium-sized companies (cf. nos. 14.1 to 14.3) and associations, and last but not least for people

in Saxony-Anhalt. The number of complaints and submissions continued to fluctuate

ahead at a high level; one focus continues to be in the field of video surveillance

(see Chapter 15). The authority acts in a practical manner in its advisory and control tasks

close and with a sense of proportion and also emphasizes the opportunities of intelligent data protection for the responsible bodies.

The challenges of European law also affected legal policy issues

in adapting state law (advising the state government and state parliament,

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see numbers 4.1.1, 9, 12.1.6, 13.1.3).

The authority of the state representative is due to the increase in tasks, also in the cooperation of the European supervisory authorities (see No. 5.2), continues to be heavily used. To the Case statistics 2019 see Chapter 3, for fines imposed see No. 16.2.

As in previous budget years, the 2020/21 double budget will remain compared to the job registration in 2019, the approved staffing of the supervisory authority far behind the actual need, because there are no new ones at all position (see No. 2.2). Data protection in Saxony-Anhalt deserves more appreciation from politics, and this does not just concern the budget.

Focal points of the activities of the authority of the state commissioner in the field of public administration concerned:

- Monitoring of e-government developments (see Nos. 6.1, 6.2),
- Advice on the use of fan pages on Facebook (see No. 7.2),
- Advice on school topics, such as the digital pact for schools and the education management system and information on photography in schools (see nos. 11.2.1, 11.2.3, 11.2.6).

A relatively new digitization topic concerns the method of building information modeling (BIM); in the context of lectures it was stated that data protection is the BIM projects (see no. 14.6). In addition, the topic of artificial intelligence more and more into focus (see No. 1.2).

In the final phase of the report preparation, the corona pandemic delayed the completion development, because there were many new questions about data processing in dealing with the to check.

The activity report is available on the website of the state commissioner and can be can also be ordered by telephone or in writing.

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On the occasion of the presentation of his last activity report, the state representative drew a preliminary balance of his more than 15 years in and for data protection:

“It was a fulfilling and challenging time. In the early years, the defense against excessive encroachments on fundamental rights by the "preventive state" and a supposed ches super law on safety in the foreground, have come through the supervision since 2011 add control tasks to the non-public area, especially in the case of commercial enterprises. the I was able to accompany the reform of European data protection law intensively. The Sensitivity The ability to deal with data protection issues has increased. The accusation that data protection re data processing and cause bureaucracy, does not take action: the authority shows how the data treasures can be raised with data protection. Also with others I cleared up contradictions. Data protection and information security are stand of consulting and design in digitization in society, economy and Country. Saxony-Anhalt has to catch up when it comes to e-government, as I recommended years ago a holistic, sustainable, binding and networked strategy. I have always particularly interested in the future of privacy, including the many issues which the data protection conference deals with. I already chaired it in 2006 inside That digitization not only has to be considered technically and economically, but above all ethical (this is also the subject of educational concepts for mediation of media competence), legal and political, is often not yet taken into account. Of the The standard of freedom of data protection in a democratic society is success and Trust factor - this is currently also evident in the measures to contain the Corona pandemic.”

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