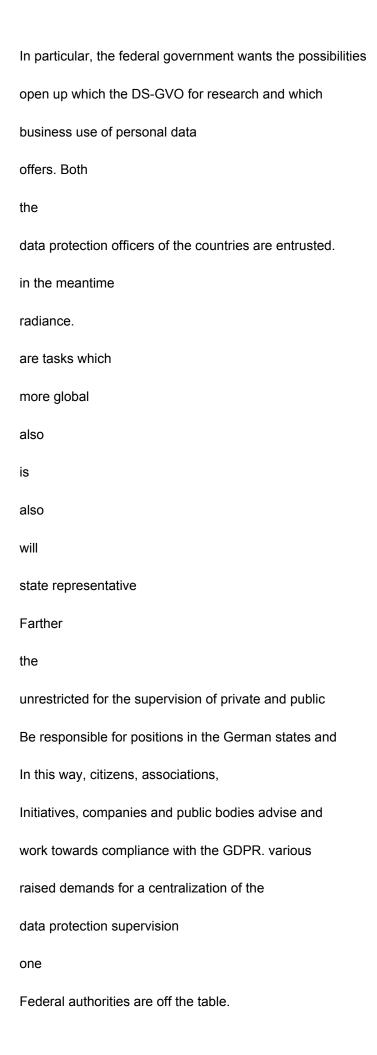
## THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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Data protection and digitization in the new
Traffic light coalition agreement
privacy
LfDI Dr. Stefan Brink: "The traffic light coalition has
performed,
digitalization
to link together. That's a good thing, because both
heard
together. Citizens should from the
Digitization can benefit without sacrificing their civil rights
having to disclose. Now it comes down to that
these plans can also be implemented quickly."
and
Data protection and digitization belong and only work

together - this is a formative guiding principle of the LfDI Baden-
Württemberg for the day-to-day work of his authority. the
traffic light coalition
in Berlin, according to the
coalition agreement now also made digitization
to be understood as a central task for the future. At the same time supports
and strengthens civil rights in many places
informational self-determination, data protection, as well as
the right to know what authorities know, i.e. they
Freedom of Information. Both have not only immediate
Effects at the federal level, but strengthens at the same time
the work of state officials
for privacy and
Freedom of Information.
The new federal government describes the data protection
Basic Regulation (DS-GVO) as a successful European
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to
decide,
Standard: Respect for every single citizen and his
Autonomy, beyond his very personal
information
а
self-determined
European value with
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The federal government supports the data protection officers
by using the joint
states and the federal government,
data protection conference,
the
more informal
merger met, wants to institutionalize more (p. 17
in the coalition agreement).
"Thus, the exchange of the
Data protection officers simpler, more direct, more reliable and more relevant
– that's good news," emphasizes LfDI Brink.
so far
as
The coalition agreement also pays tribute to numerous
Represent the high value of civil rights and strengthens the
informational self-determination: standards such as the
consistent end-to-end encryption (p. 31).
more important in the future.
until
the end at the latest
The coalition agreement draws a clear stance
Safety laws out: The safety laws will
evaluated,

Monitoring accounts created (p. 108), which the actual burden on citizens by all surveillance measures into account. If the Federal laws are reviewed, of course, this also has Impact on country safety laws.

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IT security is being substantially strengthened in the

Future strategy of the federal government, the use of state and
commercial surveillance software becomes more effective
regulated and the parliaments and the supervisory authorities
enables effective control (p. 109 f.). The coalition turns
also opposes biometric registration

Surveillance purposes ("face recognition") – that too
important concern of data protection officers. In addition, should
the right to anonymity both online and in
public space are guaranteed (p. 109).

Other positive aspects from the point of view of data protection are
the plans of the traffic light

legally secure and

data protection-compliant data transfer with the USA (p. 35), for a modern employee data protection law and the balanced use of artificial intelligence (pp. 18, 72).

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announces

From the point of view of freedom of information, it is very welcome that the federal government is more open by introducing of the "executive footprint" (p. 10) and a right to open data

the

Further development of the Freedom of Information Act into one Federal Transparency Act (p. 11) applies to the demands of

official

Freedom of Information Officer

Information should no longer only be provided upon request, but via state internet portals are made accessible. A

Federal Transparency Act will also include freedom of information have a positive impact at country level.

especially

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on:

Federal government with a view to data protection and digitization extensive tasks undertaken and important goals

Overall, according to the state commissioner Brink, the

specified, which affect the German states

will. "Now it is important that these plans also

be implemented quickly," says LfDI Stefan Brink.