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Administrative court upholds ban on publication of meeting

recorded

The Bremen Administrative Court issued deletion orders in its judgment of October 10, 2022

confirmed by the State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (LfDI), who

publication of recordings and screenshots of online video conferences

Advisory Board meetings concerned. The verdict is not yet legally binding.

The LfDI had asked the plaintiff, among other things, to use the internet

delete YouTube videos and screenshots posted on the site. These concerned

sections of an advisory board meeting held via online video conference.

The administrative court confirmed the legality of these orders. The plaintiff has

not acted out of a legitimate interest. Such will not already

then pursued if a private person operates his own website and on this theirs

present your own opinion. Also speak against such an interest that the content is primary

aimed at defaming the people involved. Given the public digital

Accessibility of the Advisory Board meeting, the minutes of Advisory Board meetings and the facts

that this is made available to the public on the Internet is the publication

disclosure by the plaintiff is not required to inform the public. Additionally over-

weigh the interests and fundamental rights of the advisory board members shown, who

publics on the Internet are particularly at risk because the published information available in this way to an uncontrollable and unrestricted group of people
ment would be made.

The administrative court also declared the orders to be lawful, which the plaintiff to do so undertake to refrain from such publications in the future.

The State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Dr. Imke Sommer showed satisfied with the confirmation of their orders: "All those who spend their free time as members of the Advisory Board for the general public, can assume that the Publication of recordings and screenshots of digital advisory board meetings without consent of the depicted is unlawful. The Bremen Administrative Court has unequivocally clearly established."

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