

THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

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LfDI Dr. Stefan Brink presents the 34th activity report on data protection

New law - new tasks - huge demand

For the first time under the European General Data Protection Regulation

State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (LfDI), Dr. Stefan

Brink, his 2018 Data Protection Activity Report to the President of the

State Parliament, Ms. Muhterem Aras, handed over and presented to the press.

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“The General Data Protection Regulation works! It has been directly applicable since May 25, 2018

and Europe-wide for all authorities and companies. It brought the data protection

authorities new tasks and powers: We raise awareness, inform, help

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Complaints, advise responsible companies and authorities and sanction

in individual cases with orders and fines.”, says LfDI Brink.

"For us as a supervisory authority, the GDPR is above all with a huge demand

related: The number of complaints has increased by 30% in the private sector, the

Consulting requests by 150%, the data breach reports have even more

than tenfold,” explained the state data protection officer.

The LfDI continues on its way: The focus is on advice - from

Citizens who object to the collection or use of their personal

Complaints about data from companies and authorities; of companies, one and public bodies that have questions about the new GDPR and support in their implementation. This advice takes place individually on the phone or in writing, also in more than 200 training events where over 20,000 citizens of our country were informed directly via Twitter even more than 4.5 million interested people. In addition, the LfDI made in the year 2018 exercised its power to impose fines for the first time and imposed fines in Amount of more than 100,000 euros.

"2018 was the year of data protection: Our topic is on everyone's lips and also in reached the minds of public and private data processors. everyone is clear that digitization and data protection can only be successful together", Brink concludes.

At today's press conference, the LfDI also presented a video that His authority's work is highlighted and is part of a series of projects that include the work of the to make data protection even clearer. The clip will soon be available on the Internet The LfDI website is available.

The 34th activity report

<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.datenschutz.de/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/LfDI-34.-Privacy Policy-Activity Report-Internet.pdf>

is available on the LfDI homepage at:

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