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Citizen-friendly administrative digitization is also possible without personal identification

The federal government is planning to introduce it as part of the digitization of administration

individual identification number. This is to ensure that records from

Citizens can be found more easily in various registers.

The introduction of such cross-administrative identifiers and a

The corresponding infrastructure poses a high risk of personal data being lost

easily compiled, connected and thus created comprehensive personality profiles

can become. The introduction of individual personal identifiers is therefore countered

significant privacy and constitutional concerns.

The Federal Constitutional Court has therefore been setting narrow limits for decades

regarding the use of such unique personal identifiers. Already the possibility

a cataloging of citizens by the state endangers this

Personal rights of each and every individual. From a data protection point of view, it applies

prevent personal data from being created in the different registers

comprehensive profiles of citizens are linked and thus significantly in

the right to informational self-determination of people is encroached upon.

In a joint resolution, the Conference of Data Protection Commissioners of the

Federal and the countries (DSK) therefore that uniform, cross-administrative

Personal identifiers are not introduced.

Maja Smolczyk explains:

“Administrative digitization should enable citizens to use state

Facilitate facilities and services and is therefore very welcome. Here may

However, the constitutionally protected personal rights are not affected by the enabling

the creation of comprehensive personality profiles using individual personal identifiers

be disregarded"

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