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Berlin data protection officer opens comprehensive audit of the operation of

Facebook fan pages

The Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information has been in charge since the beginning of

November

Hearing procedures at offices of the Berlin state administration, at the political parties

and at a number of companies and organizations e.g. from the commercial, publishing

and financial industry in terms of Facebook fan pages.

On June 5, 2018, the European Court of Justice ruled that the operators

Operator of a Facebook fan page together with Facebook for processing

personal data of visitors to the fan page in accordance with data protection law

are responsible.

The conference of the independent data protection supervisory authorities of the federal and state governments

made it clear in September 2018 that fan page operators

consequently the legality of the jointly responsible data processing

must be able to guarantee and prove. Released on September 11, 2018

Facebook signed a supplemental agreement, referring to shared responsibility

relates.

However, the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information has doubts that the

Information published by Facebook so far – also in connection with the

Supplementary Agreement – has provided sufficient to account for the

Legality of processing the data of visitors to the fan page

to be able to put down.

Maja Smoltczyk:

“The highest European court has clarified that the use of Facebook established platform, the operators of fan pages not from their obligations in the field of personal data protection. who of benefits from these services while personal data processing triggers must face up to its data protection responsibilities.”

The Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and  
Publish freedom of information on their website.

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