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Data breach at the Investment Bank Berlin

The website of the Investitionsbank Berlin (IBB), through which the government

emergency aid provided for freelancers and small businesses can be applied for

can, reported a serious one last Friday, March 27, 2020

programming error. This meant that applicants who

submitted an application between approximately 3:30 p.m. and approximately 4:15 p.m. on that day

the application confirmation has been made accessible to another person. When submitting an application

ID, tax and bank details are requested in addition to data on the company.

Applicants who submitted their applications during the specified period

must therefore assume that their data has been transmitted to third parties. According to current

As far as we know, the IBB assumes that up to 390 people will be affected.

After the problem became known, the bank had the application process promptly

suspended and only put back into operation after the programming error has been rectified.

The IBB reported the incident to the Berliner in due time on Monday, March 30, 2020 at 12 p.m

Reported to the data protection and freedom of information officer. She is responsible for this in accordance with Art. 33

of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The applicants concerned

Applicants are currently being identified and informed by IBB in accordance with Art. 34 GDPR. The

Berlin's data protection officer will accompany this process in terms of supervisory law.

The data of those affected were not generally accessible, but only

made mutually accessible to other applicants. The Berliners

The data protection officer calls on all applicants who, in the course of this

Incidentally, have unlawfully obtained access to the data of other persons, to do so

to be deleted immediately in accordance with data protection regulations and to destroy the corresponding printouts. The

Under no circumstances may data be stored permanently or processed in any other way.

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