

Country report Principality of Liechtenstein

Legal developments:

As a future member of Schengen, Liechtenstein has to implement the Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA as a further development of the Schengen acquis. A revision of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Data Protection Act is still pending. The first reading in Parliament took place in June.

The “Central Personal Register (ZPR)”¹ was created in the late nineties and has been expanded constantly. The centrally managed database is used by many public offices and contains personal data about all inhabitants of Liechtenstein as well as data from persons living abroad, who have had contact with the Liechtenstein National Administration. A legal basis was missing so far. The draft was adopted by Parliament in autumn. Especially the stored data, the access thereto, responsibilities and the operation were regulated. The Act enters into force at the beginning of 2012.

Other developments:

Schengen

Liechtenstein is still in the process of becoming a Schengen-Member. In accordance with the mandate given to the Working Party for Schengen Matters (Schengen Evaluation) an Evaluation Committee visited Liechtenstein from 11 to 13 April 2011.

Awareness-raising activities

At the occasion of the European Data Protection Day, a public event was organized together with the University of Liechtenstein on the subject “mobility and data protection”. In the framework of this event, the paper of the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (IWGDPT) on “Mobile processing of Personal Data and Security”², which was initiated by the Liechtenstein Data Protection Authority, were, inter alia, presented.

Other awareness-raising activities concerned discussions at symposiums organised by the University of Triesen on data retention and on the “transparent patient” by the University of Liechtenstein on cloud computing.

¹ Zentrales Personenregister (ZPR)

² http://www.datenschutz-berlin.de/attachments/723/Draft_WP_Mobile_Processing_675.41.18x.pdf?1292936736