

**Prospects of Belarus participation in the Project of the
Council of Europe “Programmatic Cooperation
Framework Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan,
Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus”**

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- Belarus is not a member of the Council of Europe and is not a party to the Convention ETS 108.
- However, within the process of formation of national legislation in the field of information in general and in the sphere of protection of personal data in particular we consider the tendencies of development of personal data protection.
- In this regard we are highly interested in participating in activities under the auspices of the Council of Europe devoted to the protection of personal data.

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- Preparation of a special **Law on Personal Data** shall be the most important direction of development of personal data protection system in Belarus in the near future.
- We expect the adoption of the Law “On Personal Data” not earlier than the late - 2018 or early 2019. This enables us to approach carefully and unhurriedly to the question of the said law preparation, also relying on expert assistance from the Council of Europe



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In this regard, we see possible ways of cooperation as follows:

- *expertise* of the concept of the Law of Belarus “On Personal Data”. The text of the concept could be submitted for review in the spring of 2017.
- 1-2 *traineeships* for employees of law enforcement bodies of Belarus in order to study the best experience of treatment of personal data in other countries, similar to Belarus by economic, social and other parameters.
- possible *holding a seminar in Belarus* dedicated to the problems of personal data protection in the middle of 2017 . It will be possible in the framework of this event to present the results of the expert evaluation of our concept of the Law “On Personal Data”.



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- We shall also mention the ongoing work on introduction of biometric passports in Belarus.
- The introduction of an appropriate system is planned for 2018. In this regard we are interested in studying the best European practices regarding the use and protection of biometric information.
- **We hope that the measures mentioned above will become a pledge of fruitful cooperation between the Council of Europe and our country in the field of personal data protection.**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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