



STUDY VISIT ON THE FUTURE LEGISLATION ON PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

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For several years, the Republic of Belarus has engaged in developing a data protection system. In these efforts, the Council of Europe has been on the side of the National Centre for Legislation and Legal Research of the Republic of Belarus already since 2016 and 2017, under the EU/CoE joint programme “Programme for Good Governance”. It then started its guidance towards the future law, which is now before the Parliament, by an analysis of the Concept of the draft law. Co-operation continued in 2018 with a study visit and a seminar in Paris. The Council of Europe has commissioned a legal analysis of the draft law on data protection of the Republic of Belarus to an independent international expert, Graham Sutton.

The objective of these two days study visit is to answer the Belarus partner’s questions and give them as much information as still needed to facilitate the establishment of a strong data protection system that would comply with international standards, and particularly to Convention 108+, as well as on other aspects of interest to them: accession procedures to Council of Europe Conventions, case law of the European Court of Human Rights related to data protection and Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, data protection supervisory authorities, in particular in Eastern Europe.