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This EU project uses the expertise of Spain, specially the Spanish Data Protection Authority in the data protection sector in order to reach an efficient institutional framework capable of dealing with all the requirements of the Common data protection policies, specially the Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data. Harmonisation with EU *Acquis* of legal framework will also be addressed.

EU Project Objectives

The overall objective is the strengthening of the consultative and supervisory role of the Croatian Agency for Protection of Personal Data.

This EU project is divided into two clearly distinct components. The first one deals with legal issues and the second with the Information security.

The EU objectives of this project are:

Component I (Legal): Harmonization of the Act on Personal Data Protection with Directive 95/46.

- The Act on Personal Data Protection revised and amended in order to comply with relevant EU *Acquis*. Primary and secondary legislation improved.

- Enforcement of the legislation on data protection studied and enforcement, supervision, investigation and inspection policies implemented according to the amendments of the Act on Personal Data Protection
- Data protection officers established.
- Awareness-raising regarding data protection as a fundamental right carried out and training activities for data protection stakeholders and civil society implemented.
- Data protection related to the public administration analysed and studied.

The main EU Benchmarks in this Component I are:

- Final proposal for enhancement of the Act on Personal Data Protection (Act) in compliance with EU Data Protection legislation, standards and best practices in general.
- Recommendations and codes of conduct for the enhancement of the Croatian legal framework in the sectors analysed. Personnel trained.
- Recommendations to improve legislation and policies related to enforcement issues.
- Plan to improve the process of establishment of data protection officers.
- Analysis and recommendations in legislation related to public administration. Entity in the Ministry of Interior.
- Increased level of awareness on data protection among the Croatian society and data protection controllers.
- Personnel trained in the different issues.

Component II (Information security): Application of ISO 27001 standard - based information security system.

- Gaps and needs report on IT for CAPPD completed. IT Strategy and Action plan drafted.
- Information security model implemented.
- Recommendations for the upgrade of the technical system in order to follow IT development provided.

The main EU Benchmarks in this Component II are:

- Gaps and needs on IT report.
- IT Strategy and Action Plan.
- Information Security Policy.
- Report providing recommendations for the upgrade of the technical system.

Project Partners - EU Member State

- Spanish Data Protection Agency, Spain
- FIIAPP, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas, Madrid, Spain

Project Partners - Croatia

- Croatian Agency for Protection of Personal Data
- Central Finance and Contracting Agency (CFCA).

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