



EU twinning project "Support to the Implementation of the Modernised Data Protection Legal Framework"

# SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNISED DATA PROTECTION LEGAL FRAMEWORK

## EEU TWINNING IN FACTS AND FIGURES

Overall goal of the EU twinning project is to improve protection of fundamental rights and the national system for personal data protection in the Republic of North Macedonia, in compliance with the standards from the EU legislation, and to promote performance of the Agency for Personal Data Protection to implement the modernised data protection framework.

**Duration:** 17 months (June 2021 to October 2022)  
**Budget:** 700,000 EUR

The project is structured into **3 components and 9 activities**, with total of



67missions



320 working days



15 trainings



155 outputs



2 study visits

## COMPONENT 1: ENHANCED LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

**10 documents** developed to guide performance of the **Agency for Personal Data Protection** in relation to new tasks and powers from the Law on Personal Data Protection (data transfers, biometrics, profiling, risk assessment, privacy by design and by default...)

Internal procedures at the Agency strengthened with a **series of documents on different topics, for example: previous consultations, data transfers** to third countries, and **adequacy decision**; sets of criteria for data protection **certification and accreditation**; recommendations to amend the Law on Personal Data Protection; new proposal for Rulebook on Data Security with **methodology for risk assessment and catalogue of objectives, threats and measures**; and revision of the Rulebook on Supervision.

**Methodology for harmonization of sector laws with the Law on Personal Data Protection** developed, together with examples and case studies.

## COMPONENT 2: STRENGTHENED CAPACITY AT AZLP AND RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS



2500+ training participants

15 specialized trainings



This project is financed by the European Union



Trainings organized for the Agency employees, data protection officers and for representatives from institutions and companies in the public and private sector.

**Specialized trainings** conducted on supervision procedure at the Agency and **two trainings** intended for state bodies and institutions on the methodology for harmonization of sector laws and the proposed law transposing the so-called Law Enforcement Directive.

Study visits allowed the Agency employees to **exchange experiences and practices** and **intensify cooperation** with colleagues from Croatia and Poland.

## COMPONENT 3: IMPROVED PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

To facilitate **compliance with obligations from the Law on Personal Data Protection**, set of **documents and tools (40+)** developed and intended to be used by institutions and companies, covering a broad range of topics: privacy policy; use of cookies on websites, data protection impact assessment, etc.

**Practical guides** for DPOs, video surveillance, technical and organizational measures, data breach notifications, etc.

**Factsheets** on personal data protection in specific sectors (finances, health, education...)



In addition to controllers, our focus was on **citizens with special emphasis on children and youth**. For that purpose, **guides and factsheets** were developed and covered a wide range of topics: **data subject rights, security on the Internet**, protection against **cyber-crime and online frauds**, etc.

## ADDITIONAL OUTPUTS

**NEW WEBSITE FOR AZLP:** modern and easy to browse designed and equipped with all documents and templates intended for controllers and citizens.

**INTERNATIONAL DATA PRIVACY DAY** celebrated with an online debate.

Lectures organized for primary school students on the occasion of **SAFER INTERNET DAY**.