

INVITATION

Partnership Platform on European Integration

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Chapter 23 “Judiciary and Fundamental Rights” Working Group I Session 1, Topic: General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its implementation - its effects on national legislation and institutions

Friday, 08 July 2022, 10:00 – 12:00

Onufri Room, Tirana International Hotel + ZOOM Platform

European Movement in Albania (EMA) and Ministry of Justice of Albania, in partnership with the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, with the financial support of SlovakAid, are pleased to invite you to the table of Partnership Platform for European Integration for chapter 23 “Judiciary and Fundamental Rights” and Session 1 of Working Group I on “General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its implementation - its effects on national legislation and institutions” under National Convention on European Integration 2021-2023.

The purpose of each table is to discuss, examine and take positions and recommendations addressed to the institutions, the Secretariat of European Integration, as well as other responsible structures in the process of European Integration for the specific issues and areas they deal with. The tables are directed by the leaders of the Inter-Institutional Working Groups and coordinated by the leading institutions of the chapters, according to their field of competence.

Based on the continuous collaboration with line ministries and public bodies during 2014-2021 like the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Albanian Assembly, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Finance and Economy, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Albanian Development Fund, several Working Groups have been set up in accordance with most challenging negotiating chapters with EU. So far more than 40 discussion sessions and 4 plenary activities have been organized, where national experts and more than 20 experts from Slovakia have shared their experience and transferred their expertise. These sessions have gathered more than 500 representatives from state institutions (in central and local level), from the civil society sector, the business community and workers’ associations, academia and media. Foreign organizations and diplomatic bodies have been involved in these meetings as well.

This is the third round of application for participation in the tables of the Partnership Platform for European Integration, where subjects such as the judiciary, anti-corruption, basic human rights and political criteria will be addressed

Working Group I, thanks to the experience of experts, is reviewing and discussing topics in the field of protection of human and child rights, fights against corruption, screening process and justice reform. Four Sessions are being organized in this Working Group for the period 2021-2023. The first session is being organized in cooperation between the **European Movement in Albania (EMA)** and **Ministry of Justice of Albania** and the main issues to be discussed are focused on GDPR and the need to strengthen the institutional capacity on data protection, the judiciary, anti-corruption, basic human rights and political criteria.

** Simultaneous Interpretation will be provided only online (through the Zoom platform).*

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09:45 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks

Ms. Adea Pirdeni, Deputy Minister of Justice

Mr. Gledis Gjipali, Executive Director, European Movement Albania

10:10-10:15 Presentation of the Partnership Platform for European Integration

Ms. Elona Bano, Director of Integration and Negotiation, Ministry of Justice

- *Presentation of the Partnership Platform for European Integration*
- *Challenges and expectations for the future of the Partnership Platform for European Integration*

10:15 – 10:30 Approximation process of national law on data protection – priorities and challenges in this issue

Mr. Ilir Bejko, Director of Public Law, General Directorate of Codification and Harmonization of Legislation, Ministry of Justice

- *The process of drafting and consultation of the new law on personal data*

Ms. Besa Velaj, Director of the Cabinet, Commissioner for the Right to Information and Personal Data Protection

- *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its implementation*

10:30 – 10:45 Discussion on the challenges on the drafting/consultation for the new law on personal data, judiciary, anti-corruption and fundamental rights

10:45 – 11:30 **GDPR implementation in national legislation – main principles and implications**

Ms. Zuzana Motúzová, Lawyer and Slovak expert on Data protection

- *Information on GDPR – main innovations and how is being implemented in Slovakia (legislative and institutional updates)*
- *Adequacy Decisions of EC – what makes a country having adequate protection of personal data*
- *The right to be forgotten – what is it and how can be promoted and guaranteed*
- *Protection of ‘special categories of personal data’ (e.g. sensitive, genetic, biometric, sex orientation etc.) – how to guarantee their protection and the inclusion of the accountability principle*
- *Role and function of Data Protection Commissioner in Slovakia – what are best practices to be shared*

11:30 – 12:00 Open discussion with participants from line agencies and national experts

12:00 **Concluding remarks and coffee break**