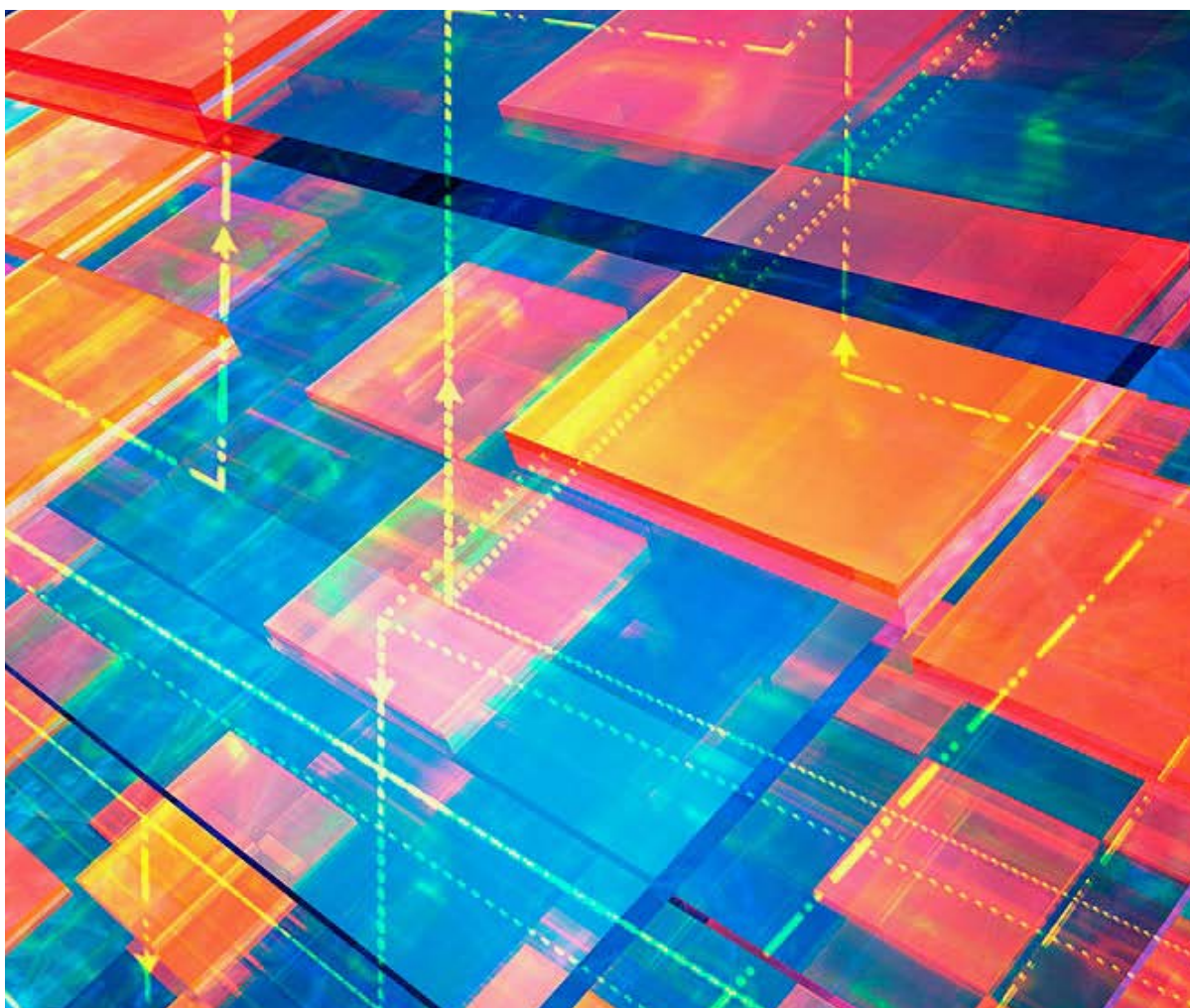


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On the Certification of Management Systems for Information and Personal Data Security and Protection

According to the Data Protection Law (Law No. 9887/2008), the controller of personal data must undertake security measures to protect the personal data that they control.

The Controller is any natural person, legal entity, public authority, agency or any other body that determines the purpose and means of processing the personal data, complying with the laws and bylaws of this area and fulfills the obligations deriving from the Law.

The controller should ensure that its system of management of personal data security is in compliance with the applicable legal criteria.

In light of the above requirements, on 14.09.2018 the Data Protection Commissioner adopted the Instruction no. 48 "On the certification of the systems of management of information and personal data security and protection" (the "Instruction").

The Instruction provides for an accredited body, which will be responsible for issuing

the certificate of compliance of the security management systems of controllers with the applicable law requirements.

Accredited by the accredited body, the accredited body issues the certificate after having conducted independent control at the premises of the controllers and after having supervised the compliance of the management systems with the legislation on personal data. The certificate is valid for a period of up to 3 years, renewable.



The Accredited Body shall notify the Commissioner on case-by-case basis on the certificates that it issues, as well as on the reasons for issuing or canceling a certificate. The Commissioner has the right to revoke the issued certificate for the Controller or to order the Accredited Body to not issue the certificate if the criteria for the certification are not fulfilled.

The controllers create, maintain and develop continuously a system of management of the information security in accordance with the requirements of ISO / IEC 27001 International Standard. The Commissioner's Office manages a public register of the certified controllers.



Kostina Prifti

Unification of custom services with Kosovo

Based on articles 24 and 288 of the Custom Code, the Council of Ministers issued on 23.11.2018 the decision no. 710, by means of which it is decided that the clearance of goods for the Kosovo jurisdiction can be performed by the Kosovo custom authorities in the Durres Port and Porto-Romano, i.e in the Albanian border.

The decision furthermore specifies how the procedure is done and provides a rough guideline on the terms and conditions which both authorities must pursue in order to materialize this decision.

This action step is aligned with several



bilateral agreements between Albania and Kosovo, which aim at further strengthening of economic bonds between countries.

This could result in beneficial impact for the businesses which aim at importing goods in Kosovo, whereas this could soon be performed through the Albanian border.

Uendi Vata

Effective financial collaboration between Albania and Montenegro

The financing agreement between The Council of Ministers of the Republic Albania, the Republic of Montenegro and European Commission, for the IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Action Program is ratified through Law no. 78/2018.

Cross-border cooperation operations aim the empowerment in the field of employment, social and cultural inclusion, environment, adaptation to climate change and mitigation, risk prevention and

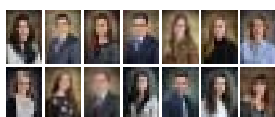
tourism management as well as cultural and natural heritage as mutual benefits for the involved countries.





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