

The Government of Serbia has made a decision on the formation of the Working Group for the preparation of the Proposal of the Strategy for Personal Data Protection with the Action Plan, it was published in the Official Gazette.

The President of the Working Group is Svetlana Jovanović, Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office, while her deputies are the Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection Milan Marinovic and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Justice Zlatko Petrovic.

At the end of May, the Ministry of State Administration and Local Self-Government (MDULS) published the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information of Public Importance, for which the public debate ends today.

A group of civil society organizations gathered in the Coalition for Freedom of Access to Information of Public Importance believes that the existing Draft significantly endangers the achieved level of right to access information of public importance and at the same time fails to solve problems identified in the application of the Law.

"The proposals for the improvement of the Draft refer to the solutions that the Coalition recognized as bad, such as Article 2. The draft which excludes political parties and religious communities from the circle of those obliged to the Law," states the Coalition.

New restrictions on the right to access information are added, such as prescribing the possibility for the body to deny information to the applicant if this would jeopardize the position on the market of capital companies or if it would violate the business interests of legal or natural persons, Nova Ekonomija reports.