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Abstract

This paper discourses upon the citizen's electronic identity card (e-ID card) and aims at addressing the issues which constitute the potential conflict between uses of an e-ID card and the right to privacy. After examining the functions of such an identity card, we focus on the legal and institutional concerns, which stem from the introduction of this means of identification. For this purpose, we examine the compliance of the e- ID card with the European institutional framework . Taking into consideration the imminent amendment of the Greek institutional framework and the introduction of the Greek e- ID card, we attend a brief overview of this substantial qualitative differentiation in the Greek legal system and we suggest legal approaches, which safeguard the protection of the holder's personal data.