

The right to access to information under the GDPR

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Abstract

The present study offers a critique of the General Data Protection Regulation in the realm of access to information. It reaches the conclusion that, even though the GDPR purports the constitutionally obvious position that the right to data protection does not outweigh, *über alles*, other equally important rights, in actual practice the enhanced protection of the right to the protection of personal data leads to the neglect of other constitutional rights, such as that of access to information. In this context, it is proposed that data protection and access to information authorities should be established on a European and national level. It is of paramount importance to this end that scientific research be facilitated through the ability of having access to a multitude of information. In this regard, the present study explores the question of data ownership and aims to propose a new system that will enhance access to information. A key tool of our research will be the comparative overview of existing legislative systems and approaches in the case-law of independent authorities.

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