

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**The Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman)  
of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**and**

**the Information and Data Protection Commissioner  
of the Republic of Albania**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is established between the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of the Republic of Albania to foster cooperation and collaboration in the field of protection of the right to access to information.

1. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for cooperation between the parties to promote and protect human rights, as well as access to information, and to exchange best practices in relevant areas.

2. This MoU covers areas of mutual interest and concern, including but not limited to:

- Human rights protection and promotion;
- Protection of the right to access to information;
- Exchange of information and expertise;
- Capacity building and training activities;
- Cooperation in investigations and inquiries.

3. The Parties, within their competence, agree to exchange information, documents, and expertise relevant to their respective mandates, subject to applicable laws and regulations governing confidentiality.

4. The Parties may organize joint events, capacity building and training activities, workshops, and seminars, in person, online or hybrid format, to enhance the knowledge and skills of their respective staff members on human rights and the right to access to information.

5. The Parties may collaborate in investigations and inquiries concerning matters falling within their mandates, subject to applicable laws and regulations governing such activities.

6. The Parties shall establish a coordination mechanism to facilitate effective communication and cooperation, including regular meetings and exchange of focal points.

7. The Parties will mutually develop and implement the programs of visits, internships and other trainings in order to share experience and exchange expertise at the bilateral and multilateral levels and also hold meetings between the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of the Republic of Albania, as well as their staff members.

8. Amendments and additions to this Memorandum can be made, if appropriate, by mutual consent of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Information and Data Protection Commissioner of the Republic of Albania.

They are executed by separate protocols, which are an integral part of this Memorandum.

9. The Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create for the Parties any rights and obligations regulated by international law. All disagreements on application and interpretation of the provisions of the Memorandum are to be resolved through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

10. The Memorandum shall be effective from the date of signature until the period of three months from the date of receipt of written notification by one Party of intention of other Party to stop its action.

Signed in Tirana, Albania on 5 of June 2024, in two copies in Albanian, English and Azerbaijani. In case of any dispute concerning the interpretation, implementation or application of any contents of the Memorandum, the Parties shall refer to the English version.

**Sabina Aliyeva**

**Commissioner for Human Rights  
(Ombudsman) of the Republic of  
Azerbaijan**

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Commissioner of the Republic of  
Albania**