



R E P U B L I C O F A L B A N I A
RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION
COMMISSIONER

DECISION

No. 01, dated 30.04.2025

ON

**DETERMINATION OF COUNTRIES WHICH ENSURE AN ADEQUATE
LEVEL OF PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**

Pursuant to article 40, paragraph 2 and 3, article 82, paragraph 1, letter “gj”, article 85, paragraph 1 and article 97 paragraph 2, of Law no. 124/2024 “On Protection of Personal Data” (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”), the Information and Data Protection Commissioner hereby,

DECIDED:

1. Determination of states that ensure an adequate level of personal data protection is based on the following criteria:

- a) Member States of the European Union, which implement the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which constitutes a common, directly applicable act containing the essential principles and rules for the processing of personal data;
- b) Member States of the European Economic Area¹, which, on the basis of the EEA Agreement, implement the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR);
- c) Parties to the Council of Europe Convention 108 “On the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data” and its Additional Protocol of 1981, which have adopted a law on data protection and have established a supervisory authority that exercises its function with complete independence, providing for appropriate legal mechanisms, including the handling of complaints, investigation and guaranteeing transparency in the processing of personal data;
- ç) States, where the transfer of personal data may be carried out pursuant to an adequacy decision of the European Union Commission;
- d) By decision of the Commissioner for states or international organizations that meet the conditions provided for in article 40, paragraph 3, of the Law.

¹ *European Economic Area (EEA)*

2. States considered to guarantee an adequate level of protection of personal data according to the above criteria, are set out in Annex 1, attached to this Decision.
3. Decision no. 8, dated 31.10.2016 “On Determination of Countries with an Adequate Level of Personal Data Protection”, is repealed.

This Decision enters into force upon publication in the Official Gazette.

COMMISSIONER

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Annex no. 1

COUNTRIES WITH AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

- Andorra
- Argentina
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Greece
- Guernsey
- Georgia
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Iceland
- Isle of Man
- Faroe Islands
- Italy
- Israel
- Japan
- Jersey
- Canada²
- South Korea
- Kosovo
- Croatia
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Montenegro
- Malta
- North Macedonia
- United Kingdom
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Romania
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United States of America³
- Uruguay
- New Zealand
- Switzerland

² The adequate level applies only to companies under European Commission Decision 2002/2/EC of 20 December 2001.

³ The adequate level applies only to companies adhering to the EU-US Data Protection Framework under European Commission Decision 2023/1795 of 10 July 2023.