Formal examination procedure

Subject: Closing of proceedings

1. The Austrian Data Protection Authority received the submission of dated on 2 August 2018, which was submitted by the Land Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information in Baden-Württemberg on 29 May 2019.

2. In accordance with Art. 56 (1) in conjunction with Art. 60 GDPR, the Austrian data protection authority is the leading supervisory authority in this cross-border procedure.

3. In the submission it was stated that the demanded on their website with a banner the consent to the use of cookies and the option for a “pure subscription”, which allows the use of the website without advertising and without cookies. It was assumed that the website could also be operated without cookies and they were not mandatory for this. However, the user was not given the opportunity to allow advertisements for the financing of the website without using cookies, which indicates a violation Art. 7 (4) GDPR. The submission also asked for an examination of this matter.

4. The Austrian Data Protection Authority assumed that this submission was a request for an ex-officio proceeding.

5. On 2 August 2019, the Austrian Data Protection Authority requested the opinion from within 3 weeks.
6. No comments were made within this period.

7. In its decision of 30 November 2018, the Austrian Data Protection Authority DSB-D122.931/0003-DSB/2018\(^1\) already agreed on the voluntary consent to the use of the cookie in question by \\


9. Therefore, the Austrian Data Protection Authority thinks there is no need to initiate another ex-officio-proceeding about this matter and closes the procedure.

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Für die Leiterin der Datenschutzbehörde: