

# Monthly briefing report



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Below you may find the most important legal developments of the previous month

## Data Protection:

- On 25 May, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) entered into force: <https://goo.gl/J8XuPP>
- For the purpose of data protection, new rules concerning the role of the police and criminal justice were introduced by European Parliament Directive (EU) 2016/680, also known as the “**Police Directive**”: <https://goo.gl/y7ue8d>
- A proposal for “**ePrivacy**” Regulation is currently under approval by the European Council, as part of the reform of the European Union framework for data protection and a new safe online environment: <https://goo.gl/Co88SN>
- The Hellenic Data Protection Authority published templates and instructions regarding processing activity records and the obligation to report a data breach incident, as well as a form regarding the appointment of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) on its website: <https://goo.gl/5eibd8>
- **Convention 108 of the Council of Europe** concerning the protection of personal data, to which the GDPR explicitly refers, was updated through the adoption of an Amending Protocol. For details: <https://goo.gl/WPFbsA>

## Taxation:

- **Circular 1099/27-04-2018 of IAPR** regarding the notification of Opinion 13/2018 of the Legal Council of State on whether the special solidarity contribution falls under the category of “*identical or substantially similar taxes*” category, included in the Double Taxation Conventions currently in force, **was published by the Independent Authority of Public Revenue.**
- **Joint Ministerial Decision 52738/ΔΕΚΝΤ55/2018** regarding the definition of the terms, conditions and procedures for the implementation of the provisions of Article 71A “Patents” of Law 4172/2013 (A '167) was published.

## Other Legislative Developments:

- **Law 4537/2018** incorporating **Directive 2015/2366/EU** regarding Payment Services (and other provisions) into the Greek legislation was published in the Government Gazette A' 84/2018.
- **Law 4541/2018** regarding the “Amendment of Law 3190/1955 on Limited Liability Companies and other provisions” was published in Government Gazette A' 93/2018.
- A Bill regarding “**Societes Anonymes Companies**”, being introduced by the Ministry of Economy and Development, is expected to be submitted to the Greek Parliament after the conclusion of the public consultation.
- The European Parliament has voted for the legislative proposal for **Blockchain** as well as other similar technologies.

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