Privacy in European Context

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Abstract

Articles 7 and 8 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights recognize that respect for privacy and the protection of personal data are closely linked but separate fundamental rights. The Charter is enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon and has binding legal force on the institutions and bodies of the European Union, as well as on the Member States when implementing EU law.

Council of Europe Convention 108 for the Protection of Individuals regarding Automatic Its purpose is "to ensure that ... every individual ... respects his or her fundamental rights and freedoms, and in particular the right to privacy, with respect to automated processing of personal data concerning him or her".

Processing of Personal Data of 28 January 1981 is the first legally binding international instrument adopted in the field of data protection.

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