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Recently in the Official Journal No.121, dated 30.06.2020, among other legal acts, has been published Decision of the Council of Ministers No.502, dated 24.06.2020 “On creating the state database “Experts’ electronic register”” (hereinafter referred to as “*Decision No.502*”).

Decision No.502 provides the creation of the experts’ electronic register (hereinafter referred to as “*EER*”). *EER*’s aim is to store, administer and process data in electronic form for experts who meet the conditions to register with the *EER*, grouping them according to their field of expertise and the place where they work.

Some of the most important aspects of Decision No.502 are as follows:

Experts registered in *EER*

In *EER* are registered experts, for whom special laws, which regulate the organization and functioning of their profession or a certain field, provide for their licensing.

EER, as a state database, exists in a web-based format and hosted on the government datacenter located in the National Agency of Information’s Society (“*NAIS*”).

Data contained in *EER*

The data contained in *EER* is divided into primary and secondary data.

Primary data are considered the following data:

- a) ordinal number;
- b) protocol number and registration date;
- c) field of expertise;
- ç) license number;
- d) date of license issuance;
- dh) date of completion of the license’s validity, if applicable;
- e) the issuing authority of the license;
- ë) years of professional experience;
- f) years of experience as an expert in court;

- g) the courts for which the expert is available;
- g) date of initial registration in the register;
- h) the date of the next review;
- i) registration status, including data on the phase of application's review or expertise's exercise;
- j) the evaluation scoring system of the expert by the parties.

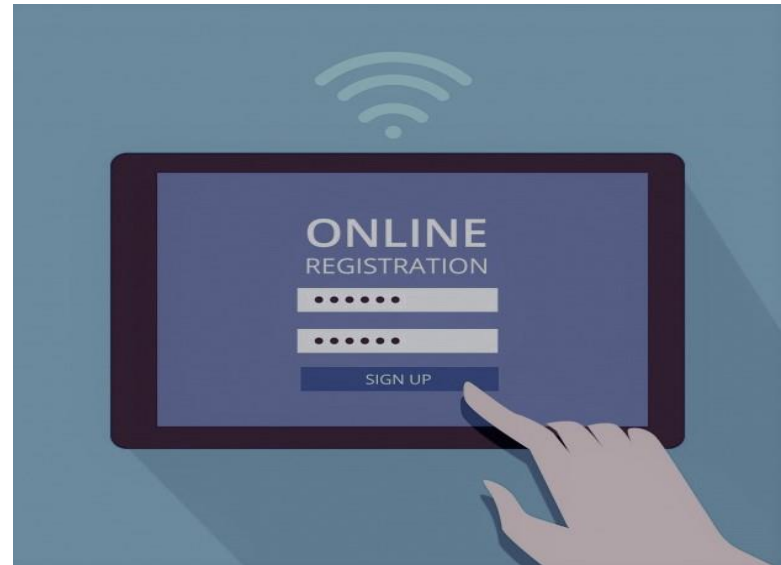
Reference data obtained from the subject's declaration are considered email addresses as well as contact numbers, main and secondary telephone numbers.

Secondary data are considered data obtained from another database, where they are primary, and relate to:

- a) data from the civil registry, such as personal number, name, surname, paternity, place of birth, date of birth, gender, municipality/administrative unit and address;
- b) data from the NBC register, such as the name of the subject, the unique number of the subject's identification (*UNSA*), the municipality/administrative unit, as well as the address where the professional activity is exercised: number, street, city;
- c) data from the tax register, for subjects registered with the General Directorate of Taxes;
- ç) data from the register of the Social Insurance Institute, for obtaining data on social contributions;
- d) any other database that may interact with EER.

Responsible authority

The administering institution of EER is the Ministry of Justice. The EER information provider is the applicant and any other interested party, as determined by Decision No.502.



The level of access to the EER database is as follows:

- a) The Ministry of Justice has full administrative rights on the database, in the roles of:
 - i. administrator;
 - ii. editor;
 - iii. reader.
- b) Judges of the courts of the judicial districts, of general or administrative jurisdiction, in the role of the reader, to select and evaluate the expert;
- c) Judges of the appeal courts, for as much as they examine cases as a court of first instance, in the role of the reader, to select and evaluate the expert;

c) Experts/researchers, in the role of the reader;

d) Interested parties, in the role of the reader, on the activity that they perform for the evaluation of the expert.

The users specified in letters "a", "b" and "c" above are responsible for the accuracy and updating of the data entered through their EER account.

The users defined in letters “ç” and “d” above, fill in their rubrics and data through their personal accounts in the governmental portal e-Albania.

Entry into force

Decision No.502 has entered into force after its publication in the Official Journal.





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