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*The Availability of Public Data, Information, Documents and the Archive Material in the Republic of Slovenia*

*Summary*

A review of regulations, arranging the availability of data, information and documents of public legal entities and the availability of archive material in the public archives of the Republic of Slovenia, albeit the vast declarative public availability, i.e. openness, indicates numerous limitations in approach and utilization for legal and psychical entities. The majority of the regulations are harmonized with European legislation, i.e. recommendations. Certain regulations are mutually harmonized, which is certainly essential for the effect of the rule of law of a state. Not only are they harmonized, but they are also mutually complimentary, as is the case with the Law on Confidential Data and the Law on Personal Data Protection, including the Law on Archive Material and Archives. This, regrettably, is not the case with the Law on Public Information Availability, which in a disharmonious and non-expert way interferes with the Law on Archive Material and Archives, that is, with the availability and utilization of archive material which holds the status of a cultural monument. Because of such a status the availability of archive materials in public archives cannot be equalized with the availability of public documents regarding public and legal entities. Amendments to this law are in course.