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## Jekaterina Macuka from TM has been selected for the position of the Director of the Data State Inspectorate

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**Jekaterina Macuka won the competition for the position of the Director of the State Data Inspectorate, informed the State Chancellery. The appointment of a candidate for the position will be decided by the Cabinet of Ministers.**

Macuka began her career at the Office of Religious Affairs, where she worked from 2004 to 2008, during which time she became head of the institution from senior rapporteur. In 2009, the winner of the competition started working in the Ministry of Justice, where he was initially the Head of the Policy Development and Religious Affairs Division of the Sectoral Policy Department, but later became the Director of the Department and held this position until 2017. At the same time, the potential Director of the Data State Inspectorate has been involved in various professional activities, including chairing the Data Protection and Information Exchange Working Group in the Council of the European Union during the Latvian Presidency.

Since 2017, Macuka has been involved in the European Union's Twinning project "Capacity Building of the National Personal Data Protection Center of the Republic of Moldova" as a resident advisor and data protection adviser to the Ministry of Justice. At the beginning of this year, Macuka returned to Latvia, where she resumed work in the Sectoral Policy Department of the Ministry of Justice, holding the position of the Head of the Department of Political Development and Religious Affairs.

Macuka holds a master's degree in law from the University of Latvia and is fluent in English and Russian.

"Undoubtedly, the State Data Inspectorate must set an example in complying with data protection requirements. It also has a key role to play in promoting dialogue between public administrations and the private sector, as well as between data controllers and data subjects. "I want to achieve this, and I am ready to work on it," said the candidate for the post of Director of Inspection.

The tender evaluation committee was chaired by the Director of the State Chancellery Jānis Muudkovskis, and consisted of the Minister of Justice Jānis Bordāns (New Conservative Party), the Ombudsman Juris Jansons and the Head of the State Security Service Normunds Mežviets. A representative of the non-governmental sector also participated in an advisory capacity.