

Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA

## *CHAPTER I*

### ***General provisions***

#### *Article 2*

#### **Scope**

- 1 This Directive applies to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes set out in Article 1(1).
- 2 This Directive applies to the processing of personal data wholly or partly by automated means, and to the processing other than by automated means of personal data which form part of a filing system or are intended to form part of a filing system.
- 3 This Directive does not apply to the processing of personal data:
  - a in the course of an activity which falls outside the scope of Union law;
  - b by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies.