

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 IV*

***Controller and processor***

*Section 3*

***Data protection officer***

*Article 32*

**Designation of the data protection officer**

- 1 Member States shall provide for the controller to designate a data protection officer. Member States may exempt courts and other independent judicial authorities when acting in their judicial capacity from that obligation.
- 2 The data protection officer shall be designated on the basis of his or her professional qualities and, in particular, his or her expert knowledge of data protection law and practice and ability to fulfil the tasks referred to in Article 34.
- 3 A single data protection officer may be designated for several competent authorities, taking account of their organisational structure and size.
- 4 Member States shall provide for the controller to publish the contact details of the data protection officer and communicate them to the supervisory authority.