



National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information
(shortened summary of the case)

Case number: NAIH-3324-2/2012/V.

Publicity of the data of supervisory board members

A private person had lodged a petition to the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (hereinafter referred to as NAIH). The client wished to find out whether the delegation of members by a city municipality to the supervisory boards of companies shall be deemed to be data public on grounds of public interest. Additionally the client wished to find out whether the local government is obliged to inform the press on the allowances of these board members paid by the municipality. The municipality refused to reply.

In its response the NAIH referred principally to the Act on Companies (hereinafter: Gt.) and the Act on Effective Operation of Companies in Public Ownership (hereinafter: Kgt.) and also called up the Act on Local Municipalities (hereinafter: Ötv.).

Pursuant to the rules of the Gt. a public share company shall disclose the name and allowance of the members of the Board of Directors and (if applicable) the same personal data of the members of the Supervisory Board on its internet site annually.

In accordance with the rules of the Kgt. a company in public ownership shall disclose the name, position and (in case of supervisory board members) any allowance of managing partners and supervisory board members they receive.

In addition the **Ötv.** states that voters may have access to proposals, minutes and decisions of the municipal council – with the exception of confidential meetings, however, the disclosure of data of public interest and data public on grounds of public interest shall be secured in this case as well.

The above disclosure shall be made properly so that anybody who wishes to copy, download or print them will have the opportunity to do so.

B u d a p e s t, 3rd of April 2012.

President