

Press Release

Berlin Regional Court discontinues proceedings for imposition of administrative fine on Deutsche Wohnen

Berlin, 23 February 2021. On 30th September 2019, Berlin's Officer for Data Protection and Freedom of Information had issued an administrative order imposing a fine of approximately EUR 14.5 million on Deutsche Wohnen because of assumed breaches of the General Data Protection Regulation [*Datenschutz-Grundverordnung – DS-GVO*]. Following the company's appeal against the fine, the Berlin Regional Court has discontinued these legal proceedings.

The responsible authority had accused Deutsche Wohnen of failing in the period between May 2018 and March 2019 to adopt measures that would have enabled the company to delete regularly and to a sufficient extent tenant data that was not or no longer required.

The 26th criminal division of the Berlin Regional Court has now discontinued the legal proceedings because the administrative order was invalid.

The Officer for Data Protection and Freedom of Information can lodge an immediate appeal with Berlin's Court of Appeal [*Kammergericht*] against the ruling of the Berlin Regional Court within one week.

Deutsche Wohnen

Deutsche Wohnen is one of the leading publicly listed residential property companies in Europe. The business focus of the company is on managing its own portfolio of residential properties in dynamic metropolitan regions and conurbations in Germany. Deutsche Wohnen sees itself as having both a social responsibility and a duty to maintain and newly develop good-quality and affordable housing in vibrant residential neighbourhoods. As at 30 September 2020, the portfolio comprised a total of around 165,700 units, of which 162,700 are residential and 3,000 commercial. Deutsche Wohnen SE is listed in the Deutsche Börse's DAX and is also included in the leading indices EPRA/NAREIT, STOXX Europe 600, GPR 250 and DAX 50 ESG.