

SK: NEW REGULATIONS IN EFFECT FOR BUSINESS – STATE RELATIONS

E-MAILBOXES FOR LEGAL ENTITIES, REGISTRY OF PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERS

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Dear reader,

As the project of digital registry and communication with state institutions shifts into high gear, it brings several changes with potential impact on your organization.

On July 1st, 2017 automatic **electronic mailbox activation for legal entities** will come into effect. We bring you the details in the text below.

New regulation on Public Sector Partner Registry has taken effect on February 1st, 2017. It governs the so-called end benefit recipients and introduces **new responsibilities for entities classified as Public Sector Partners**.

Prepare your company for electronic communication with the state and meet the requirements for enrollment in Registry of Public Sector Partners.

In addition to legal services, **Dvořák Hager & Partners, Attorneys-at-law s.r.o.** can assist you to comply with the new regulations by:

- Providing you with detailed information about access and activation of the electronic mailbox;
- Administering your company's electronic mailbox;
- Providing registration services by the designated entity for Public Sector Partners and ensure regular verification of end benefit recipients.

1. Mandatory electronic mailbox

Effective July 1st, at the latest, all official documents intended for legal entities will be delivered in an electronic form to the designated electronic mailbox. This measure will have the same legal force as a standard mail delivery.

Company's statutory representative(s) will be able to access the assigned electronic mailbox in the following ways:

- a) **Electronic card**, so-called eID used with a card reader that connects up to a computer;
- b) **Alternative authenticator** – giving foreign statutory representatives a simple and easy access to the company's e-mailbox;
- c) **By granting power of attorney** to a third party to access and administer the e-mailbox.

2. Registration requirements for Public Sector Partners

The requirement of registering in the database of Public Sector Partners introduces new changes to how businesses communicate with state institutions. A Public Sector Partner is defined as:

- Private or legal entity that is a **direct or indirect recipient of funding from the state budget**, European structural and investment funds, budgets of municipalities, self-governing regions (VÚC) or a recipient of assets from these entities;
- **Supplier of goods or services to Public Sector Partner**;
- Entity subject to specific regulation (**e.g. mining license holder, geological contractor, and licensed energy sector contractor**);
- Private and legal entity registered as end benefit recipient in accordance with the regulation in effect up until December 31st, 2016.

Public Sector Partner can enroll in the Registry only through so-called authorized entity, which shares the responsibility for the accuracy of the entered information. The authorized entity can be e.g. attorney-at-law.

Dvořák Hager & Partners, Attorneys-at-law s.r.o is ready to provide your organization with full support of our professional legal services to help you meet all of the above requirements.

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