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Draft Report on General Data Protection Regulation:

CEDPO welcomes strengthening of Data Protection Officers in Europe

Yesterday, Jan Philipp Albrecht, the Rapporteur of the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament presented his draft report for the proposed General Data Protection Regulation.

“CEDPO supports the European Union's efforts to modernise its rules on the protection of personal data. We welcome Mr. Albrecht's recognition of the importance of a Data Protection Officer (DPO) in ensuring the protection of the right to data privacy.” states Dr. Sachiko Scheuing of NGFG, speaking on behalf of the Confederation.

Christoph Klug of the German association GDD continues: “CEDPO welcomes the approach of shifting from notification requirements to Data Protection Authorities to practical accountability with Data Protection Officers. This way, internal compliance mechanisms can be strengthened while administrative burdens are reduced at the same time.” Pascale Gelly of AFCDP adds that this type of change, which creates incentives to appoint DPOs, must be greeted with enthusiasm.

Gelly notes other changes which result in the strengthening of the leadership and independence of a DPO, such as making the DPO directly report to the head of the management, and not just any manager as previously suggested by the Commission's draft.

However, the recommendation falls short on maximising the effect of a DPO within an organisation. “The draft report needs to be re-examined further to explore the full potential of a DPO for him/her to become an even more effective guardian of privacy. CEDPO will provide further input, based on its member's hands-on experience in implementing data protection laws into practice.” concludes Cecilia Alvarez of APEP.

Link to the draft report :

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/documents/libe/pr/922/922387/922387en.pdf



About CEDPO

CEDPO was founded in September 2011 by European Data Protection Organisations, namely, AFCDP (*Association Française des Correspondants à la Protection des Données à Caractère Personnel*) of France, APEP (*Asociación Profesional Española de Privacidad*) of Spain, GDD (*Gesellschaft für Datenschutz und Datensicherheit*) of Germany, and NGFG (*Nederlands Genootschap van Functionarissen voor de Gegevensbescherming*) of the Netherlands.

CEDPO aims to promote the role of the Data Protection Officer, to provide advice on balanced, practicable, and effective data protection and to contribute to a better harmonisation of data protection law and practices in the EU/EEA.

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