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ADOPTION OF 2017 GDPR ACTION PLAN

On January 3, 2017, the WP29, as part of its global Implementation Strategy of the GDPR by 2018, adopted its second Action Plan for 2017 which complements the 2016 priorities and draws new objectives and deliverables for the coming year.

As a reminder, the Working Party 29 (WP29), consistent with its 2016 Action Plan adopted in December 2016, three guidelines for controllers and/or processors on:

- The right to data portability,
- Data protection officers (DPOs)
- The lead supervisory authority.

The production of these guidelines was facilitated by the inputs of different stakeholders, notably through the first Fablab organized by the WP29 in July 2016.

To complement these adopted guidelines, the WP29 welcomes any additional comments that stakeholders may have until the end of January 2017. Upon review of the received comments, the WP29 may, if necessary, update the adopted guidelines.

The main lines of the 2017 Action Plan:

1. Follow-up on 2016 topics

In its 2017 Action Plan, the WP29 has committed to finalize its work on topics undertaken in 2016 including guidelines on certification and processing likely to result in a high risk and Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA), administrative fines, the setting up the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) structure in terms of administration (e.g. IT, human resources, service level agreements and budget) and the preparation of the one stop shop and the EDPB consistency mechanism.

2. New 2017 Priorities

In the 2017 Action Plan the WP29 has also engaged to start its work with the production of guidelines on the topics of **consent and profiling** and continue in the second semester of 2017 with the production of guidelines on the issue of **transparency**. At the same time, the WP29 will work on the update of already existing opinions and referentials on **data transfers to third countries** and **data breach notifications**.

The WP29 wishes to once again consult the relevant stakeholders (e.g.: business and civil society representatives). Therefore, a second Fablab will take place on **April 5 and 6, 2017** at which interested stakeholders will be invited to present their views and comments on the new 2017 priorities. Moreover, relevant public consultations may be launched at a national level by DPAs.

In a continuing effort to build stronger bridges with the international data protection community, the WP29 will organize an interactive workshop on **May 18 and 19, 2017**, where non-EU counterparts will be invited to exchange views on the GDPR and its implementation by the WP29.

This new action plan will be reviewed periodically and will be complemented in 2018.

Background information

The Article 29 Working Party on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data is an independent advisory body on data protection and privacy, set up under Article 29 of the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC. It is composed of representatives from the national data protection authorities of the EU Member States, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission. Its tasks are described in Article 30 of Directive 95/46/EC and Article 15 of Directive 2002/58/EC. The Article 29 Working Party is competent to examine any question covering the application of the data protection directives in order to contribute to the uniform application of the directives. It carries out this task by issuing recommendations, opinions and working documents.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/index_en.htm