



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) oversees how EU institutions handle personal information, advises on policies and legislation that affect privacy or involve the processing of personal information and cooperates with other independent data protection authorities.

We recognise that technological advances in areas like big data computing and machine learning rely on or facilitate personal data processing. Many of these practices are more and more complex and opaque, and pose significant challenges to privacy and human dignity.

We need an open and informed discussion on digital ethics, on how the EU can both realise the benefits of technology for society and the economy and reinforce the rights and freedoms of individuals, particularly their rights to privacy and data protection.

As part of the EDPS Strategy for 2015-2019, we intend to set up an external, cross-disciplinary ETHICS Advisory Group on the ethical dimension of data protection (the Advisory Group). The Advisory Group will consist of a maximum of six eminent, independent thought-leaders with a proven track record in one or several relevant areas, including philosophy, sociology, psychology, technology and economics. It will work openly and involve other relevant experts in its activities.

If you are interested in being part of the EAG, please write an email to the European Data Protection Supervisor (to: EDPS-ETHICS@edps.europa.eu) no later than 18 December 2015, 12 PM CET, explaining what you believe you can bring to the Advisory Group.

The EDPS will choose the members of the Advisory Group in early 2016. More information, also on how to react to this call for expression of interest, can be found on the EDPS website (www.edps.europa.eu).