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Subject: Prior-checking notification, case 2009-0453

Dear Ms Mannheim,

We have analysed the documents you have provided the EDPS concerning the notification for prior-checking under Article 27(2)(b) of Regulation 45/2001 on the recruitment of SNEs and trainees in the ECDC.

The procedures related to the recruitment of SNE's and trainees, as well as the data protection practices as presented in the notification are similar to other processing operations in this field. We therefore suggest that you refer to the EDPS Guidelines on staff recruitment¹ as well as the EDPS Joint Opinion on "*Staff recruitment procedures carried out by some Community agencies*"². Both documents concern, *inter alia*, the category of SNE's and trainees and they examine all data protection principles in light of the provisions of Regulation 45/2001. It follows that the principles laid down in both the EDPS Guidelines and the EDPS Joint Opinion on staff recruitment are applicable in the case of the recruitment of SNEs and trainees carried out by the ECDC.

¹ The EDPS Guidelines can be found on the EDPS website under the title "Thematic Guidelines".

² EDPS Opinion issued on 7 May 2009 (case 2009-0287).

According to the information provided, it seems that the provisions of Regulation 45/2001 are respected and the data protection rights of the data subjects concerned are granted in light of the EDPS Guidelines on staff recruitment.

Consequently, the EDPS considers this case closed.

Kind regards,

(signed)

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Cc: Ms Elisabeth Robino, DPO of the ECDC