Summary report

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) hosted the first meeting of the Internal Market Information System Supervision Coordination Group (IMI SCG) on 6 May 2014.

The Group, which comprises national Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and the EDPS, each acting within their own competences, is tasked with ensuring coordinated data protection supervision of the Internal Market Information System (IMI). The Secretariat of the Group is provided by the EDPS.

The Data Protection Authorities’ representatives and the EDPS discussed with the Commission representatives the state of play of the IMI system and the plans for the future (such as introducing a repository of public documents in the system). The security and transparency of the IMI were also discussed with a view to improve the procedures in place for IMI data subjects.

The Commission will publish a Single Market Scoreboard in June 2014 with updated data on the IMI’s functioning, in particular on speed to reply to requests. The statistics on the IMI Website are updated quarterly; by December 2017 a report will be drawn up and sent to the EDPS.

The Data Protection Authorities' representatives shared also information on how data subjects’ rights are exercised at national level. The meeting decided to further enquire on this subject.

In addition, the EDPS will send a letter to all national DPAs to reflect the consensus of the meeting and set the framework for a future meeting. The letter will refer to (1) how the public is informed at national level on IMI issues, (2) if and how this work at national level has been communicated to the Commission and (3) the satisfaction level of each national DPA involved as to how the public is informed at the national level on IMI issues.

The next meeting on IMI supervision aspects might take place in early spring 2015.