

Giovanni **BUTTARELLI**

European Data Protection Supervisor

Mr. Giovanni Buttarelli (1957) has been European Data Protection Supervisor since December 2014. He was appointed by a joint decision of the European Parliament and the Council on 4 December 2014 for a term of five years. He previously served as Assistant EDPS, from January 2009 until December 2014.

Before joining the EDPS, he worked as Secretary General to the Italian Data Protection Authority, a position he occupied between 1997 and 2009. A member of the Italian judiciary with the rank of Cassation judge, he has attended to many initiatives and committees on data protection and related issues at international level.

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Professional experience

Main positions

4 December - Present

European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS, Brussels), as European Data Protection Supervisor.

17 January 2009 – 3 December 2014

European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS, Brussels), as Assistant Supervisor.

14 August 1997–16 January 2009

Garante per la protezione dei dati personali (Rome, Italy), as Secretary general.

28 November 1989 – 13 August 1997

Ministry of Justice (Rome-Italy), as Adviser at the Legislation Department of the Italian Ministry of Justice.

He cooperated with various Ministers and contributed to drafting and following up many regulatory provisions, in particular concerning criminal law, criminal procedure and data protection. He was also a member of several inter-Ministerial committees concerning, among others, immigration, racial discrimination, Community fraud, de-criminalisation, tax reforms, computer crime laws, access to confidential records and digitalisation of public administrative agency.

08 September 1986 – present

Member of the Italian judiciary, with the rank of Cassation judge (as from July 2006).

- Tribunal of Rome (8 September 1986-March 1988)
- Avezzano (Judge, March 1988-27 November 1989)
- Ministry of Justice (28 November 1989-13 August 1997).
- Garante (as from 14 August, as detached).

01 August 1976 – 07 September 1986

Municipality of Frascati (Rome, Italy), as Head of two registry offices.

Other positions

Moscow Mechanism (2010 - 2017)

Upon designation of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, he has been included for six years in the OSCE' (Organization for security and Co-operation in Europe) resource list of the "Moscow Mechanism", including eminent persons experienced in the field of the human dimension, from whom an impartial performance of their functions may be expected, at disposal of the OSCE-ODIHR Office to contribute to the solution of specific problems concerning the respect of human rights and the human dimension.

Article 29 Working Party (June 1997- present)

Member (alternative) of Working Party ex Article 29 of Directive 95/46/EC.

Schengen (2000 – 2003)

President of the Joint Supervisory Authority set up in pursuance of the Schengen Agreement (2003-2002), after being its Vice-President in 2000-2001.

Customs (2011 - present)

Chair of the CIS- Customs Supervision Coordination Group.

Council of the EU (1990 – 2008)

Member of various Council Working Parties including:

- those negotiating the Directives no. 95/46/EC (current "mother directive" in data protection) and 97/66/EC (on the protection of privacy in the telecommunications sector);
- the Art. 31 Committee of the same Directive n. 95/46/EC (until 1999).

During the EU Italian Presidency period (1996), he chaired the Working Group which drafted the common position of the Directive no. 97/66/EC.

Taiex (1990 – present)

Various contributions to Taiex Programs.

Council of Europe (1990 -present)

Member of various Working Groups and Committees, especially the Consultative Committee of Convention 108 (T-PD), the CJ-PD, the Group of specialists on access to public informations (Steering Committee for Human Rights-CDDH-DH-S-AC) and the Working Group on data protection on police and criminal matters (CJ-PD/GT-PJ).

Expert appointed by the Council of Europe who drafted the report and the draft guidelines on video surveillance (2003) and the report and draft recommendation on the protection of personal data processed for employment purposes (2011-2013).

Expert for the Venice Commission, also on an Opinion on "Videosurveillance and Personal Rights" (2007).

University (2005 - present)

Professor at the Lumsa University in Rome, Faculty of Law, teaching on Protection of personal data and Fundamental Rights in Italy and Europe.

Several lectures and contributed to master degrees and other courses in various universities, exploring legal issues related to the IT law and new technologies.

University "La Sapienza" di Roma, Faculty of Law-Criminal Procedure. Cooperation as assistant to Prof. Franco Cordero (1984-1990).

Education

1984 - "Cum laude" degree in Law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza".

Other

Member appointed by the Peace Research Institute of Oslo in the High Level Policy Panel of the European Project 'Public Perception of Security and Privacy: Assessing Knowledge, Collecting Evidence, Translating Research Into Action - PACT (285635)'.
He signed with 138 other national personalities the Italian Manifest for a Digital Agenda (2011).

Regular contributor to specialised books journals, at European and national level and author of an enormous number of papers.