



EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

Dear Friends,

The EDPS 2022 conference is over. I have had to pinch myself several times this week to remind myself of this fact. That what we had been working on tirelessly over the last year with so many of our colleagues, managed to come together so beautifully over the span of a mere 48 hours. But equally, the conference doesn't really feel over yet, and this is why I am finding it hard to conclude something which in many ways has only really just begun.

A genuine discussion was sparked over the course of the two days of the conference. A sprouting dialogue that is still very much in its nascent form. Although we may have had conference sessions on what effective enforcement means, how to fairly burden-share, or how to empower the EDPB, a one-hour conversation on these topics can hardly begin to do them justice.

This is why, it is my sincere hope that you will carry with you the thoughts, questions, and ambitions that you have, and continue to explore and fight for them until they become a reality. We are the ones that can make a change. And while I cannot promise you another conference of this magnitude during my term as the EDPS, I can promise you that the EDPS will continue to strive for improvements on how people's fundamental rights are protected.

Finally, I use this opportunity once more to give thanks where thanks is due: first and foremost, to all of you, whose ideas and contributions were essential in making the conference come to life, and to all of you who joined us online. I thank again our speakers, the entire EDPS team, and everyone else, from civil society to academia, who offered their invaluable help along the way. Last but not least, I thank Isabel and Kazimierz from my Cabinet, who formed the backbone of this project from the very beginning and without whom nothing would have happened.

Until we meet again.

Yours,

Wojciech Wiewiórowski