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EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

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DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR ADOPTING RULES GOVERNING PATRONAGE AT THE EDPS

THE EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR,

Having regard to his decision of 15 May 2020 adopting the Rules of Procedure of the EDPS, and in particular its Article 7,

Whereas many private and public entities request the Patronage of the EDPS for the initiatives they organise, it is appropriate to clarify the nature of the patronage granted by the EDPS and the rules and procedure in order to grant it,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1 *General principles*

1. Patronage is a way for the EDPS to associate itself with specific events in order to increase public interest, and visibility of its activities and those of the European Union among citizens, media and civil society.
2. Patronage is a form of non-financial support for individual events of limited duration, such as conferences, workshop, seminars, summer schools etc.
3. Patronage does not place the EDPS under any financial obligation, nor does it confer a right to use any of the EDPS's facilities.
4. Patronage is granted by decision of the EDPS to a limited number of events every year that meet the conditions laid down in these rules.



Article 2
Conditions and eligibility criteria

1. Patronage of the EDPS shall only be granted to individual and timely limited events and only for the duration of the event.

2. Events for which patronage is sought shall:
 - have a clear European dimension, in particular by highlighting the Institution's or the Union's role;
 - contribute to the advancement of the EDPS priorities in the field of data protection and privacy;
 - promote fundamental rights related to data protection and privacy;
 - have a significant outreach, i.e. be adequately publicised and have positive effects extending beyond the organisers.

3. An event shall not be eligible for patronage if:
 - its organisers or the event itself undermine the basic democratic values, principles and rights set out in the Treaties or in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; or
 - it has a commercial purpose, which may be detected inter alia because of the displaying of commercial logos, or charging of excessive fees; or
 - it has a party political or religious nature or purpose.¹

4. If the conditions of eligibility are no longer met by an event for which patronage has been granted by the EDPS under the present rules, the Supervisor may withdraw, at any moment, the decision to grant patronage.

Article 3
Procedure

1. Requests for patronage shall be submitted to the EDPS using a form available on the EDPS website and sent to edps@edps.europa.eu at least two months before the start of the event.

2. Requests shall contain the following supporting information:
 - general information on the organiser², including name, address, affiliation and other information as required by the request form on the EDPS website;

¹ Without prejudice to Article 17 of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union.

² All personal data will be processed in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39-98).

- information on the event, including title, start date, end date, location, target audience and geographical range of participants, objective and description of the project, a detailed programme including confirmed names of the speakers, event webpage (if any);
 - communication activities concerning the event itself and the visibility of the EDPS's patronage;
 - the details of any putative or confirmed partners and/or other patrons (if applicable), any other relevant information supporting the request for patronage, and the express agreement to comply with the provisions laid down under the present decision.
3. Requests for patronage submitted to the EDPS via the email address mentioned under Art 3(1) shall be assessed against the eligibility criteria set out under Art 2 and applicants shall be informed about the outcome.

Article 4

Obligations resulting from granted patronage

1. Event organisers benefitting from patronage shall adequately highlight this fact and give visibility to the EDPS by using the Institution's logo, in accordance with EDPS's graphics guidelines, and by mentioning that the event takes place under the patronage of the EDPS in all event-related communication activities.
2. The obligation to display the Institution's logo does not confer on the organiser a right of use outside the framework of the event that has been granted the patronage.

Article 5

Entry into force and publication

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its signature and be published on the EDPS website.

Done in Brussels, 11 October 2022

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