Workshop: Data Protection within International Organisations
17-18 June 2019
organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
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Agenda

Monday 17 June 2019

13:00-13:30  Registration and coffee

13:30-14:00  Introduction
by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Gabriela Ramos, Chief of Staff, OECD) and the European Data Protection Supervisor (Giovanni Buttarelli, Supervisor - recorded message)

14:00-15:45  Session 1: Data protection and international organisations: a critical review of the past year and perspectives on the future
Following the usual practice, the first session will proceed in tour de table format, providing any interested organisation an opportunity to share information and updates. Possible interventions could cover changes to data protection frameworks or other important developments or challenges from the recent past or near future.
Moderator: [Name] Data Protection Commissioner of the Council of Europe
Tour de table of International Organisations

15:45–16:15  Coffee break

16:15-18:00  Session 2: Web services and use of social media: how to ensure data protection compliance?
In order to enhance the effectiveness of their communications, International organisations have become increasingly sophisticated users of web services and social media. This session aims at providing an overview of the most common data protection issues arising from the use of such services and will include recommendations on how to address them. It will also show the tools used by the EDPS when conducting their compliance checks of websites.
Moderator: [Name] Legal Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Presenters:
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09:00-10:30 Session 3: Contractual arrangements between International Organisations and software providers: compliance issues and challenges

Many services needed by international organisations can be provided more cheaply and efficiently by outside commercial entities. In this session we will analyse the issues and challenges posed by the outsourcing of processing activities to software providers. How to assess the guarantees provided and measures adopted by such service providers? What kind of safeguards should international organisations implement? What should be included in contracts with external providers?

Moderator: Wojciech Wiewiórowski, EDPS, Assistant Supervisor

Presenters:

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Session 4: Personal data transfers to International Organisations

International organisations are increasingly reliant on personal data, and data transfers from its members and other parties have become essential. This session will consider ways to ensure that appropriate protections are put in place as well as legal compliance issues that may be raised. Given their status under international law, how can international organisations facilitate compliance by transferring parties with applicable laws, in particular in the field of redress and oversight mechanism?

Moderator: Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and

Presenters:

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

Session 5: “How to” practical session

This session will offer participants an opportunity to exchange good practice on how best to tackle the fundamentals of implementing a successful data protection programme. Three topics will be covered, each of which will be introduced by a lead speaker before opening up for discussion among all participants.

Moderator: Data Protection Commissioner, OECD
Part 1: Creating an inventory of data processing operations
While all organisations process data for human resource management and other internal purposes, personal data is increasingly needed to advance the substantive work and missions of international organisations. The expansion of data processing operations can make it challenging to ensure that personal data protections are systematically applied across the organisation. One way to address this challenge is to map the various data processing operations and flows on an organisation-wide basis.

Presenter:

Part 2: Performing a risk assessment
Risk assessment has emerged as a critical tool for calibrating the technical and organisational measures most appropriate to any particular personal data processing operation. But assessing the likelihood and severity of adverse impacts as well potential value of mitigation measures is challenging in practice.

Presenters:

Coffee Break

Part 3: Individual redress and oversight mechanisms
Rights for individuals have long been included in privacy and data protection frameworks. But in practice, data subjects have only infrequently sought to vindicate these rights and many organisations have limited experience in handling claims. The situation is particularly complicated for international organisations whose status under international law leaves conventional oversight mechanisms unavailable.

Presenter:

Conclusion and next steps
European Data Protection Supervisor (Wojciech Wiewiórowski, Assistant Supervisor) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Billy Hawkes, Data Protection Commissioner)

Note: Following the short presentations of the speakers, the floor will be open in each session for discussion.