

10th Meeting of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities

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Declaration

Acknowledging the need to continue cooperation and exchange of experiences in the field of privacy and personal data protection, carried out for the last seven years within the framework of the meetings of Central and Eastern Europe Data Protection Authorities, which began in 2001 with the meeting in Warsaw;

Confirming the provisions of the Declaration on future cooperation adopted in Smolenice on May 24th 2005;

Considering that the group was expanded to include new countries aspiring to European Union membership and having implemented data protection legislation only recently, for whom our unique knowledge and experiences related to the above mentioned processes may be extremely helpful;

Having regard to the need to solve the existing or arising problems related to personal data protection issues specific to the Central and Eastern European countries;

Having regard to the past outcome of our cooperation carried out in a forum not bound by formal procedures and ever open to new members;

Having regard to the need to identify the problems and issues relevant to the societies and Data Protection Authorities of Central and Eastern Europe, and to elaborate joint opinions to be published or presented on other fora;

We, the undersigned Data Protection Commissioners,

hereby declare

- the willingness to continue and enhance common activities within the framework of the group, by, among others:
 - elaborating common solutions that could constitute considerable support for the actions taken by our authorities at the national level and on other international cooperation fora,
 - annual meetings of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities as well as elaborating bilateral cooperation,
 - organising ad hoc working meetings to discuss data protection issues with aspects specific to CEE countries,
- the readiness to intensify our cooperation and to take joint action with regard to the cases of data processing of special importance to our countries,
- the joint commitment to educational and awareness-raising activity of our data protection authorities carried out within the framework of information campaigns or in relation to Data Protection Day;
- the wish to participate in cross-border projects funded by the European Union, with the objective of and guaranteeing the rights of our citizens and increasing the level of data protection in our countries, among others by improving the qualifications of the employees of our Data Protection Authorities.