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Data protection - report on the General Data Protection Regulation

As requested by Article 97 of the GDPR, the Commission will report on the application of this Regulation two years after its entry into application. The report will take into account the contribution from the Council, the European Parliament, the European Data Protection Board and those received from the GDPR Multi-Stakeholder Group (business and civil society representatives).

EFAMRO will submit its position paper, which you can find in attachment.

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Statement by the EDPB Chair on the processing of personal data in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak

Governments, public and private organisations throughout Europe are taking measures to contain and mitigate COVID-19. This can involve the processing of different types of personal data.

Andrea Jelinek, Chair of the European Data Protection Board (EDPB), said: “Data protection rules (such as GDPR) do not hinder measures taken in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. However, I would like to underline that, even in these exceptional times, the data controller must ensure the protection of the personal data of the data subjects. Therefore, a number of considerations should be taken into account to guarantee the lawful processing of personal data.”

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USA: FBI issues advice on teleconference hijackings

As large numbers of people turn to video-teleconferencing (VTC) platforms to stay connected in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, reports of VTC hijacking (also called "Zoom-bombing") are emerging nationwide. The FBI has received multiple reports of conferences being disrupted by pornographic and/or hate images and threatening language.

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Tips for cybersecurity when working from home

The EU Agency for Cybersecurity shares its top tips for teleworking in times of Covid-119

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Hong Kong Zoom Data Security Incident

The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong, Mr Stephen Kai-yi WONG noted that overseas users of Zoom, including governments, have been warned about the risks of the use of the app. Before the privacy issues are clarified and rectified, and should the users not be sure about the related data security, the Privacy Commissioner will echo the same warning.

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Cabinet adopts patient data protection law

Bringing digital solutions to the patient quickly and protecting sensitive health data in the best possible way - that is the aim of the draft of a "patient data protection law". The federal cabinet approved the draft today. With a new, secure app, insured persons can redeem e-prescriptions in a pharmacy of their choice. Specialist transfers can be transmitted digitally in the future. And patients have the right to have the doctor fill their electronic patient record (ePA). From 2022, the vaccination card, the mother's passport, the yellow U-booklet for children and the tooth bonus booklet can also be saved there.

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Washington, D.C. Amends Data Breach Notification Law, Adds Data Security Requirements

On March 26, 2020, Washington D.C. enacted bill number B23-0215, amending D.C.'s data breach notification law (the "Bill"). Among other requirements, the Bill requires the provision of identity theft prevention services in certain data breaches, establishes a new regulatory reporting requirement in the event of a cognizable data breach affecting 50 or more residents of D.C., and imposes certain data security requirements on covered businesses.

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Morrisons Wins U.K. Supreme Court Ruling Over 2014 Data Breach

It seems rare these days that businesses get good news in the world of data protection, but today the UK Supreme Court delivered just that in the Various v Morrison Supermarkets case.

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