

REPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE STRASBOURG 2008

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Background

- In November 2006, delegates at the 28th International Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners' Conference in London agreed to share good practice in the fields of communication, regulation and strategy, with the emphasis on a practical approach.
- A Communications Workshop was then hosted by CNIL in February 2007, to exchange practical information, to learn about good communication practice, and to make an inventory of activities and communication tools which have proved to be effective.
- At this workshop, it was agreed that it would be useful to establish an international data protection/privacy communications network, and that the UK would take responsibility for coordinating it.

The purpose of the International Data Protection/Privacy Communicators' Network is to improve the effectiveness of communications by:


- providing a network of contacts for those working on data protection and privacy communications, offering support, information and advice;
 - providing a means of benchmarking data protection and privacy communications activities;
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- providing a group able to carry out specific international projects or liaison on international communications issues, as required by the Commissioners.

Information produced

- A list of all group contacts has been drawn up (attached).
- The group agreed the terms of reference in April (attached).
- A list of relevant international and European meetings has been drawn up, to help group members to identify trigger points for contacting each other (attached).

Good practice shared

Promotional materials have been shared amongst the group, for example:


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- Information and materials for APPA Privacy Awareness Week
 - The Dadus schools project in Portugal
 - DVD from Madrid on the European Data Protection Best Practices prize
 - Information on the Czech Republic educational program on protecting personal data
 - Research on young people and privacy, from Sweden

Materials adapted

The sharing of materials has resulted in some materials being adapted for use by other countries, for example:

- “The Lights are on” training DVD from the UK was adapted for use by the Basque data protection authority.
- The UK’s web pages for young people were adapted for use by the Victorian Privacy Commissioner.



News shared



When significant issues arise or news stories hit the media, the group is beginning to share information with other relevant group members. This has included:

- A consultation paper on a draft Voluntary Information Security Breach Notification Guide from Australia.
- A news item from New Zealand on changes to the UK banking code affecting data security.
- Statement on the UK HMRC disk loss containing records of 25 million child benefit recipients.

Next steps

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- There is an opportunity to liaise more closely on events for the European Data Protection Day, and to learn from the APPA Privacy Awareness Week.
 - Members are encouraged to check the calendar of international events and to send relevant presentations etc to others in the group.
 - We are investigating an online web-based network to make sharing information and contacting each other easier.
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International network of data protection communicators

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International Data Protection/Privacy Communicators Network

List of international meetings and events for information

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(in alphabetical order)

Meeting	Scope / who goes	When it's held	Further info
Article 29 Working Party	European data protection agency representatives	Two days, every two months/five times a year	Next meetings: 24-25 June, 30 Sept-1 Oct, 9-10 Dec
Article 29 subgroups	European data protection agency representatives. Groups include Passenger Name Records, Medical data, Enforcement, Technology, Binding Corporate Rules.	Throughout the year	
Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA) forum	Meeting of APPA members including the privacy commissioners of Australia, [including the Federal Commissioner, Victoria, New South Wales and the Northern Territory], New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Korea, Canada and British Columbia	Twice a year	Next meetings: 29 th APPA meeting – 19-20 June 2008 (Seoul, South Korea) 30 th APPA meeting – 13-14 November 2008 (Melbourne, Victoria)
British and Irish Data Protection Authorities (BIDPA)	UK, Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man, Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus	June/July (1 day)	This year: Gibraltar, 27 June
Case handling workshop	European case handling staff	Spring and Autumn	Two day workshop Next ones: Slovak Republic, 29-30 September Czech Republic, 31 March - 1 April 09
Central and Eastern Europe Data Protection Authorities meeting (CEE)	Annual Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Macedonia, Slovakia and Slovenia.	Spring	2009: Romania
Council of Europe Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal data /ETS 108/ (T-PD)			13-14 October 2008 Strasbourg; 17-18 December 2008 Paris.
European	European Commissioners	Spring	Next one: Edinburgh, April

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Commissioners' conference			2009.
European Data Protection Day		28 January	
International Association of Privacy Professionals conference	International (US based)	Spring	
International conference	Commissioners	Autumn	Next one: Strasbourg, joint hosting France/Germany. 15-17 Oct
London initiative	Agreed in November 2006, delegates at the 28th International Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners' Conference in London. Aim is to share good practice in the fields of communication, regulation and strategy, with the emphasis on a practical approach.	No regular meetings. Workshops organised according to need.	
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	International Data Protection Authority representatives and sometimes other similar bodies or interested parties	Meetings and workshops on various topics arranged as needed throughout the year	
Privacy Awareness Week	Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA - the privacy commissioners of Australia, [including the Federal Commissioner, Victoria, New South Wales and the Northern Territory], New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Korea, Canada and British Columbia)	24-30 August	
Telecoms/Berlin Group	International Data Protection Authority representatives and other similar bodies	Twice a year	Next meeting: 13-14 Oct
Third pillar meetings	European data protection agency representatives. Includes Europol, Schengen, Customer Information Systems (CIS), Working Party for Police and Justice (WPPJ), Eurodac.	Approx four times a year	Next meetings: 23-25 June