

International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners Executive Committee

November 26/27, 2013
Conference Call

Minutes

US - Julie Brill, Markus Heyder, Shaundra Watson, Guilherme Roschke
NZ - Marie Shroff
MU - Drudeisha Madhub
PL - Piotr Drobek, Urszula Góral
NL - Jacob Kohnstamm, Dominique Hagenauw, Paul Breitbarth

1a. Adoption of the agenda

Adopted.

1b. Adoption minutes closed session International Conference 2013

Comment from Markus Heyder on Working Group on Enforcement Coordination (p. 8) with regard to a paragraph on GPEN. Changes will be sent to the office of the Chair. Except for this part, the minutes are adopted. PL will send a list of participants of the Closed Session to be added to the minutes.

1c. Adoption minutes last meeting Executive Committee

Adopted.

2. Open Session - Update from host

MU updates the Committee on the status of the open session. The dates will likely change to 13-16 October 2014, with the Closed Session at the beginning of the week. The Open Session will take 2 days. These dates may be difficult for the FTC, because of the start of the new fiscal year in the US. Budgets may then be low, or even a shutdown could happen again.

Title of the Conference: A world order for data protection - a dream coming true?
US objects against the use of 'world order' because of negative connotations. NZ considers the topic fine as a place holder, but is afraid it may be misinterpreted. PL considers the topic to be reflecting a positive spirit. NL asks if we can perhaps work towards a global understanding of what data protection is all about?

FTC will suggest a new title over e-mail. The secretariat will circulate the previous e-mails discussing the title of the conference.

A draft list of speakers has been circulated for comments from the Executive Committee. It is however still early to contact speakers, first the panels need to be decided upon. However, if there are ideas about keynote speakers that should or shouldn't be on the list, it would be good to let MU know. Comments on the speakers list will be sent via e-mail. NZ is happy there are new names on the list, apart from the usual suspects. NZ furthermore suggests to follow the Israeli format to have a short keynote, followed by a panel and discussion from the floor. She suggests to have [REDACTED] as a keynote speaker. US will have a look

at the list, but from a first glance notices [REDACTED] who could make valuable contributions. US is also willing to help inviting speakers where needed. PL indeed would like to match speakers to panels, in order to decide who may be best suited. They suggest it would be good to also have speakers from Central and Eastern Europe. NL will comment on the list in writing in the days to come.

MU requests that the Executive Committee would suggest speakers matched with the proposed themes. PHAEDRA has indicated already they want to organise a side event.

The location will be the Continental Hotel in Port Louis, where several other hotels are in the neighborhood.

3. Topic(s) for closed session 2014

NL has held a brainstorm resulting in three topics: employer relations in the context of social media, smart cities and drones. FTC has suggested to broaden the topic of smart cities to the Internet of Things.

NZ feels that the Closed Session has a trend towards one big topic, whereas several topics could also work. They would generally favor topics that Commissioners can only have in a Closed Session. The topics suggested would be best suited for the Open Session.

US thinks drones could be a good topic, but may be only for one panel on public and private sector, but probably not broad enough for a full day. Smart cities may be very interesting, but even better if extended so different substantive areas could be discussed.

NL explains the format would be the same as the past two years: several speakers introducing the topic in detail, followed by a discussion by Commissioners on the way forward.

PL thinks the topics to be promising. The employer-employee topic would be better for the open session. Drones are quite challenging, both from a technical and legal point of view. Smart cities depends on the focus and how ambitious we want to be, because of the various aspects the topic entails.

NL suggest to try and work out a combination of the Internet of Things and smart cities as the theme in the coming weeks and the outcome could be translated into the open session. We would need to work out what the focus should be. One could be smart cities and all that goes with it.

MU prefers to have smart cities, and then have Internet of Things as a sub-item.

NL will try to work out the topic Smart cities / Internet of things into a format for the closed session.

4. Evaluation form closed session 2013

The questions for the evaluation are accepted. Both Shaundra and Blair have some experience with SurveyMonkey. They will try to help out. As to question 7, Paul and Markus will work this out bilaterally.

NZ thinks question 9 may be a bit odd, but this will also be discussed bilaterally.

5. Status European Commission

The history on the status of the European Commission is a bit obscure, but they have always attended as observers. The Chair proposes to formalize this. NZ agrees, but expresses concern that the Commission should not be considered to have a special position. If for example APEC applies, they should have the same treatment. The Committee agrees.

6. Strategic Working Group

NZ is working to get the Working Group together and identify the members. So far responses from a number of delegations (Victoria, Australia, Ireland, France, Kosovo, Hong Kong, United States, United Kingdom, Mexico, Colombia, Netherlands) but several still need to reply to an e-mail from Blair. The first year is to be used to draft some sort of work plan to be presented in Mauritius. The tasks would focus on reviewing the relations between the conference and other international privacy groups, barriers for hosting the event and trying to develop a plan for hosting on a firmer basis. A final topic would be to organise some sort of secretariat. More information to follow shortly by e-mail.

7. Any other business

- E-mail [REDACTED] - the answer is no. Kind offer, but it is not a very good idea.
- Markus informs that GPEN will most likely want to hold a side meeting in Mauritius as well
- Next call second half of January

To Do list

- FTC will send his comments on the minutes to the office of the Chair. (FTC)
- PL will send a list of participants of the Closed Session to be added to the minutes. (PL)
- all delegations will think with MU regarding a title of the conference and will also considering the list of speakers and will, when applicable, inform MU of their ideas. (all)
- NL suggests to amend the paper for a possible topic of the 2014 closed session by combining the Internet of Things and Smart Cities and a will circulate a new paper for the next call. (NL)
- NL, the FTC and the NZ will finalize the evaluation questionnaire, using survey monkey or a similar tool. (NL, FTC, NZ)
- the Chair will inform the COM of the decision of proposing to grant the COM observer status. (NL)
- NZ will provide more information on the Strategic Working Group as soon as possible. (NZ)
- the Chair will inform ██████████ regarding the invitation to the Executive Committee that, despite the kind offer, it will not be necessary. (NL)
- GPEN will also organize a side-meeting in Mauritius. (MU)
- The Chair will organise the next call for the second half of January. (NL)