



## **Data Protection Commissioners to hold 41st International Conference in Albania in 2019**

### **News release by Chair, Executive Committee, International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners**

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The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) will hold its 41st annual meeting in Tirana, Albania in October 2019, announced John Edwards, Chair of the ICDPPC.

“The Conference has not previously met in the Western Balkans and we are delighted to have the opportunity to convene in Albania in two years’ time.

“As a Conference providing leadership at international level in data protection and privacy, it is appropriate to meet in a country that has transitioned to democracy and to learn from people who retain memories of the harshest communist dictatorship of Eastern Europe”, said Mr Edwards.

The event will be hosted by the Information and Data Protection Commissioner (IDP) of Albania.

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### **Background**

The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners first met in 1979. It has been the premier global forum for data protection authorities for four decades. The Conference links 114 privacy and data protection authorities from across the globe.

The IDP is the independent data protection authority for Albania. It has been an accredited Conference member since 2010. More information on the IDP is available at [www.idp.al](http://www.idp.al).

The indicative dates of the 41st Conference are 10-13 October 2019, but these are subject to confirmation.

Selection of a host more than two years in advance has been a strategic goal for the Conference’s Executive Committee for some years, to enable hosts to have sufficient lead time to organise a major event. This has been achieved for the first time for the 2019 Conference, and is intended to become standard practice for future hosts.

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