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FUTURE SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE

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We asked you all

Entire membership surveyed for views on:

- Conference membership
- Size



Survey Results

- 62% response rate: 71 members responded (114 members)
- Traditions of the Conference stress consensus
- Results analysed: 'strong consensus' / 'reasonable consensus' / less strongly held consensus'



We are less sure

- Data protection authorities should only be allowed to be members if they have a wide sphere of activity (54% disagree, 24% don't know)

Reasonable consensus

“The Conference should be selective in admitting members”

- 72% of respondents largely agree
- Members see value in continuing an accreditation process

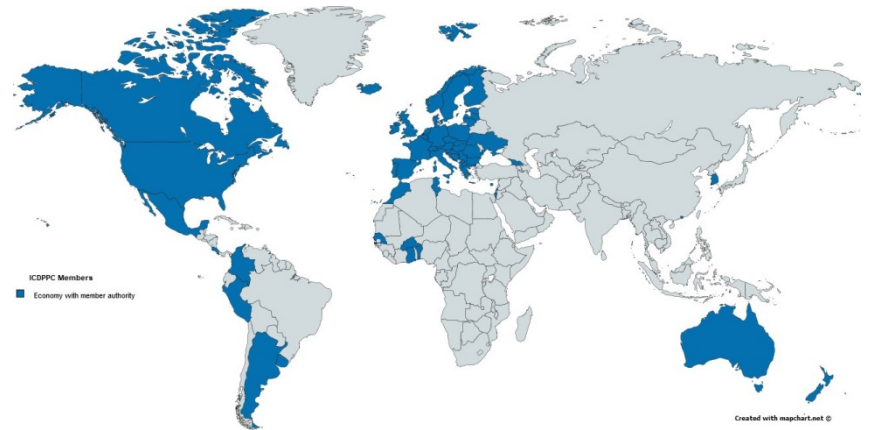
Reasonable consensus

“The Conference should ... bring together all regulators with data protection and privacy responsibilities”

- 62% of respondents largely agree, 17 % disagree

Reasonable consensus

- **“Conference should seek to broaden the global reach of the membership”** (67% largely agree, 11% disagree)
- **“Conference ... must anticipate becoming much bigger”** (68% largely agree, 8% disagree)



Strong consensus

“The Conference should be open to all data protection authorities”

- This statement had the most positive support (91% of respondents ‘largely agreed’)
- Message of inclusiveness



Low priority - ranking

Working group (WGFSM) response was we should *not* spend time on:

“Revise conference rules on membership”

Where does the consensus lie in relation to membership and size?

- Conference has evolved over the years
- Your instructions to the working group are clear:
 - The Conference should be open to all data protection authorities
 - We must expect to get bigger if we are to fulfil a useful global role

