

ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards

2018

Entry Form

Deadline 29 June 2018

To submit an entry to the ICDPPC Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards please complete and email this form to ExCoSecretariat@icdppc.org no later than 29 June 2018.

Note: ICDPPC member authorities can submit as many entries as they wish but a separate form should be used for each different entry. Please complete the entry in English.

1. Contact details for this entry:

- a. Name and email address of person completing this form:
- b. Name of Data Protection or Privacy Authority: European Data Protection Supervisor

2. Eligibility: By submitting this entry I confirm that:

- a. The Authority is a member of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners.
- b. The initiative described in this entry was undertaken since the last edition.
- c. I am aware that the information in the entry (other than the contact details in 1(a) above) will be publicised by the ICDPPC Secretariat.

3. Please indicate which **category or categories you wish to enter (delete those that do not apply; you can enter multiple categories):**

- a. ~~Education and public awareness~~
- b. ~~Accountability~~
- c. ~~Dispute resolution and enforcement~~
- d. Innovation
- e. People's Choice

4. Description of the initiative

- a. Please provide a brief summary of the initiative (no more than 75 words):

The Digital Clearinghouse aims to convene regulators of different fields of law, i.e. data protection, consumer protection and competition regulators with a view to address common concerns and to foster discussions on issues at the intersection of laws.

- b. Please provide a full description of the initiative (no more than 350 words):

The Digital Clearinghouse was launched by the European Data Protection Supervisor in September 2016 in its opinion on "coherent enforcement of fundamental rights in the age of big data", and inaugurated at the EDPS-BEUC joint conference on "big data: individual rights and smart enforcement".

The digitised economy is posing unprecedented threats to the rights and interests of individual. A coherent approach to those should imply that all regulators responsible for the digital ecosystem enter a dialogue among themselves, with no prejudice to the different regulatory agencies' competencies.

The initiative aims to bring together regulators of different fields of law, i.e. data protection, consumer protection and competition regulators with a view to address common concerns and to foster frank discussions on issues at the intersection of laws.

The European Parliament endorsed the initiative with a resolution from March 2017 on “the fundamental rights implications of big data”. Moreover, the 39th ICDPPC resolved on the relevance of cooperation across boundaries and recognised the work of the Digital Clearinghouse.

The network has met twice in 2017 and a third meeting was held in June 2018.

Throughout the sessions, regulators have discussed topics which include: information and power disparities between individuals and the service providers; the emergence of attention markets and opacity of algorithms which determine how personal data are collected and used; connected things failing to meet basic standards for privacy by design and product safety.

Regulators last exchanged on fake news and voter manipulation; understanding of technical developments in AI and other areas; regulatory challenges in the digital economy; the relevance of personal data in competition enforcement and merger control, as well as in consumer enforcement; general fairness of platform privacy policies; collusive and personalised pricing and related theories of harm in the digital markets, unfair or harmful terms and conditions in free online services, and unethical, data collection and analysis for targeted marketing purposes.

Cooperative scenarios were also explored, such as data protection and consumer authorities support to competition authorities in the case of digital sector mergers; cooperation between consumer protection authorities, and between consumer and data protection authorities.

The next meeting will take place in Autumn 2018.

- c. Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award (no more than 200 words)

The Digital Clearinghouse is the first network of its kind in promoting discussions among all regulators responsible for the enforcement of law in the digital markets.

In this sense, the initiative contributes innovatively to the way cooperation has been so far performed, by adding a cross-sectorial element to it.

By facilitating the work among data protection, consumer protection and competition authorities, the initiative contributes to overcome silos in the application of different areas of law so as to improve the understanding of how the digital economy functions and of the dominant conducts and models on which it is based.

Furthermore, the Digital Clearinghouse has a global reach, which extends beyond Europe. Cooperation will be also expanded as to include electoral and media regulators.

- d. Include a photograph or image if you wish (note this will help illustrate the description of the entry on the ICDPPC website; the image can be pasted into the entry or send as an attachment or a link may be provided):



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Opinion 8/2016

EDPS Opinion on coherent enforcement of fundamental rights in the age of big data



- e. Please provide the most relevant link on the authority's website to the initiative (if applicable) (The website content does not need to be in English):
https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/subjects/big-data-digital-clearinghouse_en
- f. Please provide any other relevant links that you wish that help explain the initiative or its impact or success (e.g. links to news reports or articles):
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