

Weekly Policy News Summary

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Article 29 Working Party revised and adopted new sets of guidelines

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Please click [here](#) to access the Article 29 WP Guidelines on Automated individual decision-making and Profiling, [here](#) to access the Guidelines on Personal data breach notification and also, please click [here](#) to access the Guidelines on the application and setting of administrative fines, all for the purposes of Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) last revised and adopted on 9th February.

Commission guidance helps MS organise sound tender procedures for EU-funded projects

The Commission published new [guidance](#) to help national, regional and local public officials dealing with EU funds ensure efficient and transparent public procurement procedures for EU-funded projects. The guidance, soon available in all languages, covers the process from A to Z, from the preparation and publication of the calls to the selection and evaluation of bids and the contract implementation. As such, it can also be useful outside the scope of EU funds. It also explains how to make the most out of the opportunities offered by the revised public procurement directives of 2014. The European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds channel over €450 billion into the EU real economy over the 2014-2020 funding period, half of which is invested through public procurement. An infographic on the guidance and more information on what the Commission does to help Member States improve the way they manage and invest EU funds are available online.

DG ENV: published a new roadmap “Alignment of environmental reporting obligations”

This is a follow-up action to the Fitness Check on reporting and monitoring of EU environment policy and it is in line with the resulting Action Plan and one of the REFIT initiatives listed in Annex II, heading on "New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment" of the 2018 Commission Work Programme. As confirmed by the Fitness Check, reporting obligations in the field of the environment across the different pieces of legislation are not always well aligned or the timings or content could be better specified.

Possible issues that have been identified are, inter alia, reporting on Environmental Liability Directive, Animal Testing Directive, the FLEGT Regulation the Timber Trade Regulation (EUTR), the CITES Regulation, alignment of reporting timetable under the Birds Directive, adjustment of timetable for preparation of noise maps, or elimination of the three-annual reporting under the INSPIRE Directive, etc. Roadmap is available at [Alignment of environmental reporting obligations](#) . Feedback is open from 15 February 2018 - 15 March 2018 at <http://europa.eu/!Uu78Cf>
