
Weekly Policy News Summary

Year 2018 – week 4

EC RAPID: Commission publishes guidance on upcoming new data protection rules

The Commission publishes guidance to facilitate a direct and smooth application of the new data protection rules across the EU as of 25 May. It outlines what the Commission, national data protection authorities and national administrations should still do to bring the preparation to a successful completion. The Commission is dedicating EUR 1.7 million to fund data protection authorities, but also to train data protection professionals. A further EUR 2 million is available to support national authorities in reaching out to businesses, in particular SMEs.

In the run up to 25 May, the Commission will continue to actively support Member States, Data Protection Authorities and businesses to ensure the reform is ready to enter into effect. From May 2018 onward, it will monitor how MS apply the new rules and take appropriate action as necessary. One year after the Regulation enters into application (2019) the Commission will organise an event to take stock of different stakeholders' experiences of implementing the Regulation.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/justice-and-fundamental-rights/data-protection/2018-reform-eu-data-protection-rules_en

Implementation and Uptake of Trust Services under the eIDAS Regulation

In the context of the eIDAS Regulation, the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) conducted a study to present an overview of the implementation and uptake of Trust Services defined in the eIDAS Regulation one year after adoption to the new regime. In spite of the patently positive signal for existing and well established Trust services, a gap in the understanding of stakeholders in terms of Trust services still lingers under the eIDAS Regulation. Member States may still choose to take up the important role of filling potential and actual standardisation gaps. They may also seek to pursue eIDAS compliant implementations when deploying eGovernment services. Read the full report here: <https://www.enisa.europa.eu/publications/eidas-overview-on-the-implementation-and-uptake-of-trust-services/>.

Public hearing on the Public Sector Information (PSI) directive

DG CNECT organised a public hearing on the review of the PSI directive on 19 January. Representatives from various sectors took the floor. While most participants agreed that data creates added value and is crucial in today's economy, some cautioned against opening up all data as some of it is sensitive or has security implications. Others argued that the private sector should not gain access to all public-sector information. For more information please read at https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/articles/eu-monitoring/public-hearing-psi-directive?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=Dods%20EU%20Monitoring%20briefing&utm_campaign=Dods%20People%20EU%20weekly%20Newsletter%2026%2F1%2F2018
