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ARTICLE 29 DATA PROTECTION WORKING PARTY 100th PLENARY MEETING

The European data protection authorities assembled in the Article 29 Working Party (WP29) met on 14 and 15 April 2015 for its 100th plenary meeting.

During this meeting, the European data protection authorities addressed several topics such as:

The Data Protection Reform: European data protection authorities had the opportunity to discuss on the various core topics of the draft Regulation in view of the Trialogue. Discussions will continue in the coming weeks in order to prepare an opinion.

Cooperation: the newly created Cooperation subgroup had the opportunity to present its work programme. The subgroup will work, *inter alia*, on a typology of European data protection authorities' activities, on the organisation of thematic workshops and will follow the work of the Spring Conference and the International Conference.

Facebook Terms of Services: the members of the WP29 further discussed the modalities of organization of the contact group. The aim of this group is to coordinate the national enforcement actions initiated by 5 national DPAs.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (Drones): a last round of discussions was held on the upcoming opinion on Drones. An adoption is expected at the next plenary meeting in June.

APEC BCR/CBPR: The Plenary agreed on a joint action plan between the APEC and the WP29.

Opinion on applicable law (WP179): in its judgment in Google Spain the Court of Justice of the European Union decided upon certain matters relating to the territorial scope of Directive 95/46/EC. The WP29 commenced an internal analysis of the potential implications of this judgment on the applicable law opinion (WP179) adopted in 2014and may provide further guidance on this issue during the course of 2015, including, possibly, additional examples.

Members of the WP29 also discussed on topics like data retention, BCR for processors, Cloud Computing Code of Conduct, PNR EU and PNR Mexico, the Regulation on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and IOSCO.

Background information

The Article 29 Working Party on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data is an independent advisory body on data protection and privacy, set up under Article 29 of the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC. It is composed of representatives from the national data protection authorities of the EU Member States, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission. Its tasks are described in Article 30 of Directive 95/46/EC and Article 15 of Directive 2002/58/EC. The Article 29 Working Party is competent to examine any question covering the application of the data protection directives in order to contribute to the uniform application of the directives. It carries out this task by issuing recommendations, opinions and working documents.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection/article-29/index_en.htm