

## EU

### European Data Protection Supervisor Releases Case Law Overview for 2014/15

The European Data Protection Supervisor, Giovanni Buttarelli, has published an overview on case law from the European Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights and national courts of EU member states covering the period between 1 December 2014 and 31 December 2015. The collected cases concern areas such as data protection, respect for private and family life, access to documents and freedom of opinion. Arguably the most prominent case covered in the overview is the Schrems decision in which the European Court of Justice dismissed the Safe Harbor regime.

[Case Law Overview](#) (PDF)

## Germany

### Brandenburg Data Protection Commissioner Presents Activity Report for 2014/15

The Data Protection Commissioner of Brandenburg, Dagmar Hartge, has presented her 18th activity report for 2014/15. She welcomed the EU General Data Protection Regulation as an important modernization of privacy law. However, she identified growing demands on federal data protection authorities and thus called for improvement of personnel. Hartge reported that from 2014-15, 24 fine procedures were initiated but only imposed in 10 cases. Hartge also called video surveillance in swimming pools a "long runner" for data protection authorities and emphasized that such practices are legal only under strict conditions due to sensitive personal data concerned.

[Press Release](#) (in German)

### Resolutions by the 91st Conference of German Privacy Commissioners

This month, the Data Privacy Commissioners of the Bund and the Länder had their 91st, bi-annual Conference in Schwerin. In its resolution, the Conference appealed to German legislators to make comprehensive use of the flexibility clauses within the General Data Protection Regulation in order to safeguard essential data protection standards as required by the basic right to informational self-determination. In particular, the Conference called for an employee data protection act, for the strengthening of data protection authorities, for maintaining the obligation to appoint a company data protection officer and for preserving data protection goals such as data economy, confidentiality, integrity, availability or transparency. The Conference also expressed doubts about the legality of the EU-US Privacy Shield.

[Press Release](#) (in German)

## UK

### The ICO Releases a Statement on the Implications of Brexit for Data Protection

The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) has stated that, whether or not the UK remains part of the EU, the UK will still require clear and effective data protection laws. The ICO makes its position clear, stating that having laws with safeguards in place is more important than ever given the growing digital economy, and is also central to the sharing of data that international trade relies on.

[ICO Statement](#)

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