

## EU

### **European Parliament Announces Data Protection Reform Timetable**

The European Parliament has announced their timetable regarding data protection reform. Key dates include the adoption of a general approach to the Regulation on 15 June, the 1st Trilogue Meeting on the Regulation on 24 June and the 2nd Trilogue Meeting on the Regulation on 14 July 2015.

<http://www.eppgroup.eu/news/Data-protection-reform-timetable>

## Czech Republic

### **The Czech Government is Preparing a New Whistleblowing Regulation**

The Czech Government is currently working on a new regulation regarding the reporting of suspicions relating to the commission of offences in the state administration ("The Whistleblowing Regulation"). This is a requirement of the new Civil Service Act.

Civil service employees and their close relations are to be protected from facing any personal or punitive recourse for such reports. The Whistleblowing Regulation includes the obligation of each civil service bureau and ministry to set up publicly accessible locked boxes. In these boxes, the civil service employees will be able to anonymously post their reports. The regulation also introduces an obligation on every state administrative body to name an independent inspector. Inspectors shall collect and evaluate the reports within 30 days. They shall further notify the official responsible for an investigation of the reported matter. Reports other than those foreseen by the Whistleblowing Regulation will be treated under existing legislation.

## Germany

### **Federal Government Suggests Arranging Digital Inheritance**

In a recent notification, the German Federal Government provided guidance on how arrangements for a deceased individual's digital inheritance should be handled prior to their death. The Government suggested that the individual should write a will containing the login details of their email accounts and other Internet services. The will should also include the persons entitled to have access to the personal data and confirm whether the data should be used or deleted. Presently, there is no clear legislation on digital inheritance in Germany.

<http://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Artikel/2015/04/2015-04-24-digitaler-nachlass.html>

### **BITKOM Welcomes EU Strategy for Digital Single Market**

The German Association for Information Technology, Telecommunications and New Media (BITKOM) has expressed support for the recent EU Commission strategy regarding a digital European single market. The Commission intends to remove the existing technical and legal barriers to free digital data flows within the EU. According to the Commission, this could add €415 billion to European GDP per year and create 3.8 million new jobs.

BITKOM suggested that the digital single market would provide an opportunity for European unity and a competitive European digital industry, referring in particular to applications such as Cloud Computing, Big Data or Industry 4.0. BITKOM also appealed for the integration of the digital single market into the current negotiations concerning the General Data Protection Regulation.

[http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/digital-single-market/docs/dsm-communication\\_de.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/digital-single-market/docs/dsm-communication_de.pdf)

[http://www.bitkom.org/de/presse/8477\\_82205.aspx](http://www.bitkom.org/de/presse/8477_82205.aspx)

## UK

### Report of Investigatory Powers Review Published

David Anderson's "A Question of Trust: Report of Investigatory Powers" was published on 11 June 2015. The report focuses on the interception of communications and communications data in relation to the UK's legislation on terrorism.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/434399/IPR-Report-Web-Accessible1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/434399/IPR-Report-Web-Accessible1.pdf)

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