

EU

Health Research Group Makes Recommendations on EU Data Protection Regulation

The Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research infrastructure-European Research Infrastructure Consortium (BBMRI-ERIC) has commented on the new draft Data Protection Regulation and suggested that it must not be worded in a way that hinders research and healthcare. BBMRI-ERIC has proposed that the "purpose limitation" principle is altered and that the Regulation should not require medical research bodies to ask more than once if people consent to the use of their personal data in health research projects.

[Recommendations on the General Data Protection Regulation \(PDF\)](#)

Article 29 Working Party Releases Opinion on the Utilization of Drones

The Article 29 Data Protection Working Party has recently released guidelines in relation to drones and the data protection risks posed by their increased use. The Working Party called for more sensitivity in relation to the deployment of drones and their sensor technology. The opinion discusses the implications increased use will have for data subjects who are unaware of the drone's presence and privacy more generally and highlights the need for better cooperation between data protection authorities and civil aviation authorities.

[Article 29 Working Party Opinion on Privacy and Data Protection Issues relating to the Utilisation of Drones \(PDF\)](#)

Germany

Bundesrat Advises Against Decline of Consumer Protection in General Data Protection Regulation

The German Federal Assembly (Bundesrat) has recently criticised the current Data Protection Regulation draft in relation to consumer protection. The Bundesrat has called upon the German Government to prevent any further decline of consumer protections in future deliberations and has suggested that every effort should be made to maintain the current EU standards.

[Bundesrat Opinion on General Data Protection Regulation \(PDF\) \(in German\)](#)

Thüringen Data Protection Officer Warns Against Fingerprint Scanners at School

In a recent statement, the Data Protection Officer for Thüringen, Lutz Hasse, has warned against fingerprint scanners which will enable pupils to order and pay for their school lunches.

In Hasse' statement, he announced his intention to examine the legality of the scanners and reiterated the lifetime consequences for an individual in the event that their fingerprint data was stolen.

[Data Protection Officer statement on finger scanners in school \(PDF\) \(in German\)](#)

UK

ICO Requests Fundraising Code Amendments Which Could Prevent Charities Calling Three in Four Donors

The Institute of Fundraising has updated its Code of Fundraising Practice to reflect the changes requested by the ICO. The new changes enforce stricter compliance with the Telephone Preference Service, which could prevent charities calling up to three in four donors.

The Institute of Fundraising has advised its member to read the ICO guidance on direct marketing for an explanation of the rules, particularly in relation to consent and its validity.

[ICO code changes guidance from the Institute of Fundraising](#)

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