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Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe Establishes New Code of Conduct

The Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe (CISPE) industry group has established a [voluntary code of conduct](#) to set clear standards for the way cloud service providers process the data that customers store with them. Several providers of cloud services have already declared that they will comply with the CISPE code, which seeks to clarify the way in which cloud service providers process data, in order to give customers confidence that their data will be processed and stored in a manner that is consistent with EU law.

European Data Protection Supervisor Sets Out Priorities for 2017

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) has [produced a note](#) setting out its priorities for 2017. The EDPS has responsibility for monitoring how EU institutions process personal data and has a consultative role in relation to EU data protection legislation and policies. Aside from reviewing the data protection framework as it relates to EU institutions, the EDPS has highlighted privacy in electronic communications as one of its key priorities for the year ahead. In particular, the EDPS will advocate for the privacy standards enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights to be introduced into secondary legislation on electronic communications.

Germany

Data Protection Commissioner of Niedersachsen Criticises Use of Bodycams by the Police

The Data Protection Commissioner of Niedersachsen has [criticised the ongoing pilot project](#) on the use of so-called “bodycams” by the police of Niedersachsen. The Commissioner pointed out that currently, there is no legal basis for such a practice, noting that compared to other forms of video surveillance, the use of bodycams constitutes a particularly serious encroachment upon basic rights. In addition, the Commissioner criticised the Ministry of the Interior of Niedersachsen for failing to conduct checks, which are legally required, prior to introducing the bodycams (*Vorabkontrolle*). However, the Commissioner also made it clear that she is not against the police using bodycams in principle, but she argued that such a practice should not be introduced until the state parliament has adopted an explicit legal basis for it.

Federal Data Protection Commissioner Comments on Annual “Safer Internet Day”

On 7 February 2017, the international [Safer Internet Day](#) took place under the slogan “Be the change: unite for a better internet”. Andrea Voßhoff, the German Federal Data Protection Commissioner, called for schools to be provided with better information technology equipment and for improved privacy training for teachers.

She also expressed support for a number of initiatives such as the internet portal “YoungData” and “privacy goes to school” (“*Datenschutz geht zur Schule*”), an initiative proposed by the association of German data protection officers (*Berufsverband der Datenschutzbeauftragten Deutschlands – BvD*).

Since its inception in 2008, Safer Internet Day has taken place annually on the second day of the second week of the second month and is supported by 120 countries throughout the world. Its goal is to foster media competence and to sensitise teachers, parents and children to the risks of the internet. This year in Germany, the focus was on the risks for children and youths that arise from cyber-bullying.

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