

## France

### CNIL Has Released Further Cookie Guidance

Following cookie compliance inspections carried out this year, the French Data Protection Authority (the CNIL) has issued [further guidance](#) in relation to website cookie use. The CNIL considers that in both of the scenarios set out in the guidance, the implementation of cookies is triggered by the user's visit to the website. Therefore, the editor must provide users with information on the cookies implemented on their browser and provide the means to reject these cookies. However, the CNIL notes that the regulatory framework is likely to change, as the European Commission announced the implementation of new rules by the end of 2017.

## Germany

### Andrea Voßhoff Presents Activity Report for 2014/2015

The head of the German Federal Data Protection Authority (the Authority), Andrea Voßhoff, has presented [the Authority's 26th Activity Report](#), covering the years 2014 and 2015, and delivered it to the president of the Bundestag. The report centers on the 21,029 citizen appeals (7,744 written petitions and 13,285 telephonic requests for information) to the authority, the reform of German and European data protection laws, and the independence of the Authority since 2016. In the reporting period, the 110 employees of the Authority conducted 199 visits for the purposes of information, consultation and inspection, which led to 22 objections. As regards the reform of the German data protection law in implementing the European General Data Protection Regulation, Voßhoff reiterated her criticism of the limitation of the control powers of the Authority over security agencies, but also welcomed the fact that the rights of data subjects have not been restricted as intensely as previously intended.

## UK

### ICO Wins Case Against Former Claims Company Manager for Making Blagging Calls

Following a prosecution by the ICO before Liverpool Magistrates' Court, Joseph Walker (a former manager at UK Claims Organisation Ltd) [pleaded guilty to section 55 of the Data Protection Act offences](#) and was (i) fined £2,000, (ii) ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £15 and (iii) ordered to pay £1,600 in prosecution costs. Joseph Walker had led a team in making blagging calls to insurance companies in order to illegally obtain information about customers and road traffic accidents they had been involved in. The employees used various guises, including claiming to be calling from solicitors firms, to obtain the information and then sell cases on to solicitors as personal injury claims. The court found that this behaviour breached section 55 of the Data Protection Act: "A person must not knowingly or recklessly, without the consent of the data controller – (a) obtain or disclose personal data or the information contained in personal data, or (b) procure the disclosure to another person of the information contained in personal data".

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