Flash Report country visit Commissioner Reynders Dublin 24-25/11/2022

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3. Bilateral meeting with the Minister of Justice Helen McEntee
On the DPC: the government will appoint **two new commissioners**, who should be in office by Q2 2023. The staff and funding for the DPC has been increased. IE is keen to have the one-stop shop mechanism working.
Day 2: Friday 25/11

1. Bilateral with Minister Dara Calleary

It was a constructive and open meeting with the DPC. She stressed that there is a need to have more reliable case statistics, and to highlight the right figures as regards the cases dealt by the DPC. This is important towards many stakeholders, notably towards the LIBE committee in the EP. The Cssr agreed on the significance of having centralised figures based on the same methodology, regarding different elements of the GDPR such as enforcement or resources. This would certainly help understand better the situation across the EU. The Cssr compared the exercise to the “Justice Scoreboard”. This is something that the Commission could try to explore with the EDPB and the other DPAs.

If confronted to an objection to DPC draft decisions coming from a MS, the DPC can either fully agree with it or go to dispute resolution, which therefore happens often.

The Csser raised the idea to participate to one of the EDPB plenaries next year to exchange further among DPAs and get further contacts, as we are doing now with constitutional courts. Statistics should also be better communicated indeed. The DPC found the Csser’s idea very good.

The DPC underlined that she is sharing a lot of information with the other DPAs, and that not all of them do the same.
She also explained that a recent meeting with a LIBE delegation to IE went fine and allowed to clarify many points.

The DPC finally explained that she has good working relations with big tech companies in IE. They are very responsive to her requests, including Twitter. For most platforms in IE, they have data protection teams in situ, with experienced people, that apparently wouldn’t be affected by the recent layoffs – the only company deserving special attention in this regard being Twitter following the dismissal of the previous DPO and the appointment of a new one, according to the DPC.