

ITEM C.5.x

Technology Subgroup - Data portability

Background

Article 18 of the draft General Data Protection Regulation introduces the data subject's right to data portability, i.e. to transfer data from one electronic processing system to and into another, without being prevented from doing so by the controller. The concept of access to data is contained within existing data protection regulations. Changes in other legislation (e.g. Directive 2013/37/EU on the reuse of public sector information) have supported efforts to also increase access to information in a form which is reusable (see also Opinion 06/2013).

This topic has been identified in the draft WP29 2016-18 work programme and could also provide practical guidelines to data controllers including consideration of data readability, use of open formats and data reuse. This topic may include advice to comply with subject access requests and thus input from the Key Provisions subgroup has been sought.

The WP29 granted the TS a mandate to draft an opinion on this topic at the 103rd plenary.

Main points of discussion

The Key Provisions Subgroup provided written comments on the draft prepared by the Technology Subgroup and plans to provide further input as necessary, in coordination with the Technology Subgroup rapporteur and coordinator.

FR presented an amended version of the opinion text which would address the topic of data portability which had been re-drafted in light of comments received from the previous meeting.

The text is maturing although there are still examples which need to be developed in order to give data controllers clear guidance. FR DPA will develop these examples for the next meeting.

Actions requested from the Plenary

• Members are invited to note the state of play and make comments on the current opinion draft