

Briefing @ SG.A.4

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Vice-President Ansip meeting with Ms Andrea Jelinek, Chair of the European Data Protection Board (EDPB)
Date	23 January 2019, 16.00
Participants	<p>European Data Protection Board: Andrea Jelinek (Chair of the EDPB), Isabelle Vereecken (EDPB Director); [REDACTED]</p> <p>Commission: Andrus Ansip (Vice-President); [REDACTED]</p>
Issues raised & follow-up	<p>Vice-President Ansip and Ms Jelinek, Chair of the European Data Protection Board, discussed the state of play of the ePrivacy negotiations in the Council. Vice-President Ansip insisted on the importance to make progress to allow the protection of personal data as well as the confidentiality of communication. Ms Jelinek agreed with the importance to adopt the ePrivacy Regulation as soon as possible and expressed strong support to a level playing field on confidentiality of communication.</p> <p>Ms Jelinek informed about the European Data Protection Board's work on an opinion on the interplay between the ePrivacy Directive and the General Data Protection Regulation focusing on competence. Vice-President Ansip confirmed the importance of this work and the difficulties raised by Member States on such interplay – also raised in the context of the current negotiations. DG CNECT shared its concerns that some might use the work on the opinion as an excuse to delay an agreement in Council. Ms Chapuis indicated that the Commission will ask Member States how they ensure the consent requirements in the ePrivacy Directive comply with the definition of General Data Protection Regulation since 25 May 2018.</p> <p>Ms Jelinek recalled that the European Data Protection Board has published guidelines on consent. Also supported by the work of the European Data Protection Supervisor. She recognised that many complaints are submitted to Data Protection Authorities about the notion of consent and that enforcement is key.</p> <p>Both the European Data Protection Board and the Commission underlined the importance of regular exchanges of views also on the future proposal to come. Vice-President Ansip raised in particular the ethical guidelines on Artificial Intelligence and the recommendation on ehealth.</p>
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