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Dear Mr Nemitz,

I refer to your letter of 21 February 2013 asking FRA to report to the Commission about the current situation and to identify promising practices for Member States regarding the funding and staffing of data protection authorities. I am pleased to enclose our findings.

In line with your request, the findings are based on the answers provided to the Commission's survey of data protection authorities that was conducted between July and November 2012, and take into account the previous contribution of FRA on the independence of data protection authorities.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Information Society, Privacy and Data Protection (Tel. +43 1 58030

Yours sincerely,

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