

Meeting between Apple, Google and the EDPS – 10.04.20

The meeting was requested by Apple and Google on Friday 10th April and took place the same day.

The representatives of Apple – Gary Davis – and Google – William Malcom – aimed to present to the Supervisor their joint initiative for an interoperable API to enable contact tracking.

The presentation outlined two different phases of the project. A first phase was said to be scheduled to start in Mid-May, when the API would be made available to developers. The second phase would bring the contact tracing system to the operating systems.

The EDPS remarked the importance of ensuring the highest level of data protection, in particular in such a case where the scope of the initiative is global and the risk of adopting lower standards is high.

The EDPS asked whether other data protection authorities were consulted or made aware of the initiative. The EDPS also recommended to inform the European Data Protection Board.