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PRESS RELEASE

Berlin Group publishes working paper on large-scale location tracking

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (so-called Berlin Group), headed by the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Maja Smoltczyk at its 64th meeting on November 29th and 30th, 2018 in Queenstown (New Zealand)

Adopted working paper on large-scale location tracking.

Location tracking technologies present benefits and opportunities that are of public interest

are. For example, data from devices installed in cars can be used

to make road use more efficient, to reduce CO2 emissions or to improve safety

safety of drivers and pedestrians. The permanent use of mobile communications and

those wireless networks that enable physical location tracking, e.g. B. when hiking,

However, jogging, driving or cycling leads to the traceability of everyday activities

of people is becoming the norm. This entails great risks for the rights of those affected

People on respect for their private life and indirectly the perception of other people and

freedom rights.

The working paper on large-scale location tracking examines the risks to privacy

and the privacy associated with the large-scale collection of location data in public or

connected to private interests. It contains recommendations for companies, industry and authorities

the legal use of such technologies as well as possible technical and organizational

toric precautions to minimize the risks they pose.

The working paper is available in English at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>. One

German translation will shortly be available on the website of the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Released Freedom of Information.

About the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications ("Berlin Group")

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications

Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications – IWGDPT, also known as "Berlin Group") consists of

Representatives of data protection authorities and organizations from around the world dealing with the

deal with privacy protection. The working group was founded in 1983 on the initiative of the Berlin data protection

authority was founded, which has chaired it ever since. Since its inception, the working group has a variety of

Recommendations ("Common Positions" and "Working Papers") to improve the protection of privacy

vatsphere in telecommunications. Since the early 1990s, the

Group in particular with the protection of privacy on the Internet.

After the adoption of working papers at the meetings of the working group, a written

Process for correction and final editing initiated. The publication of the final working paper

takes place after the written procedure has been completed.

More information about the working group and the documents adopted by the group are available at

available on the website of the working group: <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>.

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to improve privacy and data protection

in telecommunications and media

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