

International Working Group

on Data Protection

in Telecommunications

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Berlin Group publishes working paper on smart devices for children and privacy
of children in online services

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 Smolczyk
adopted two working papers at its 65th meeting in Bled (Slovenia) in April 2019,
that were released today.

The working paper on protecting children's privacy in online services shows typical
data protection risks associated with the use of online services for children. It calls
on the providers to create transparency and effective parental consent in the processing
to collect data from children. In addition, there are recommendations for political
carriers, developers of online services and regulators.

The working paper on the risks to data protection posed by smart devices for children
looks for typical problems in connection with so-called intelligent toys: lack of trans-
parency, security gaps, illegal data processing and possible misuse of the game
witnessed by adults for surveillance purposes. The working paper gives recommendations for
coping with these problems for everyone involved: manufacturers, users, schools and
hear.

The working papers are available at [https://www.datenschutz-berlin.de/infothek-und-
service/publications/working-paper/](https://www.datenschutz-berlin.de/infothek-und-service/publications/working-paper/) available.

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 established in 1983 as part of the International Data

protection conference founded on the initiative of the Berlin state data protection authority, which has been chairing it ever

since

leads. Since its inception, the working group has made a large number of recommendations ("Common Positions"

and "working papers") to improve privacy protection in telecommunications

de. Since the early 1990s, the group has been particularly concerned with the protection of privacy

vatsphere on the internet.

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

available on the website of the working group: <https://www.datenschutz-berlin.de/datenschutz/zusammenarbeit->

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The Working Group has been initiated

by Data Protection Commissioners

from different countries in order

to improve privacy and data protection

in telecommunications and media