

"Safer Internet Day" on February 11, 2020

Security and data protection on the Internet concern us all.

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The "Safer Internet Day" will take place again this year. Of the

The day of action on February 11, 2020 is themed "Together for a better internet".

The "Together for a Better Internet" objective raises an important issue

It is highlighted that here the cooperation of many different

actors is necessary. The responsible service providers, legislators,

Regulators and Internet users, but also developers and

Providers of technology and software solutions must be involved to ensure this

Internet to a secure and privacy-friendly environment

make.

In addition to the data protection law applicable since May 25, 2018

Basic regulation should also be a regulation at European level

on privacy and electronic communications (ePrivacy

Regulation) are issued. That already in January 2017 (!) with a

Draft regulation initiated by the European Commission

However, there is no legislative procedure for the ePrivacy Regulation

to conclude, for some time now the Council of European

Union to no agreement. Come to the Council of the European Union

Ministers from all EU countries together. At the end of 2019 we read that

the European Commissioner Thierry Breton on a complete

Restarting the legislative process is thinking and the European

Commission may present a new draft.

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The ePrivacy Regulation should regulate, among other things, under which

Prerequisites - for example by setting and reading cookies -

the end devices of the users may be accessed when they visit websites

call.

The governments of the Member States, given their participation in the

Council of the European Union called the ePrivacy Regulation now

to finally bring forward while respecting the privacy and end devices of

To protect users as best as possible and under no circumstances behind the regulations of the

to fall back on the previous ePrivacy Directive.

Irrespective of current legislative procedures, Internet

Users often achieve a high level with manageable effort

Achieve security gain:

☐ Make sure that all available security

Updates are installed on your devices.

☐ Make use of the options for securely configuring

smart phone.

☐ Check your browser settings and adjust them

individually to your requirements.

☐ Utilize the use of end-to-end encryption, there

where it is offered.

Petri: "The ePrivacy regulation must now finally and in the foreseeable future

come up with regulations that protect the privacy of users

to ensure. Regardless of the legal regulations,

everyone for his own protection every now and then not only with the

Possibilities and chances of the internet, but also with the

deal with associated risks. Because often you can

achieve a considerable gain in safety with little effort."

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There are many websites that provide tips on security on the internet

Example at <https://www.bsi-fuer-buerger.de> (external link),

<https://www.klicksafe.de> (external link) or <https://www.youngdata.de>

(external link) and of course on the websites of the

data protection supervisory authorities.

Prof. Dr. Thomas Petri

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public bodies compliance with data protection regulations. It's from Bavarian

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