

The Bavarian State Commissioner

for data protection

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5 years GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation as a benchmark in the

digital landscape

The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (BfDI).

Bavarian State Commissioner for Data Protection (BayLfD) and the European

Data Protection Officers (EDPS) held a joint meeting on May 23 in Brussels

Discussion event on the fifth anniversary of the General Data Protection Regulation

(GDPR) organized.

The data protection officers went together with high-ranking representatives

the legislative institutions of the EU and the European Court of Justice

Interim assessment of the practical application of the GDPR.

BayLfD Professor Dr. Thomas Petri: "The data subject rights of the GDPR have proven their worth since

five years. They must continue to show their full potential in the future. Because the European Union

in its statement on digital rights and principles for the digital decade

Puts people at the center of digital change and also wants their fundamental rights

fully respect in this context."

BfDI Professor Ulrich Kelber emphasizes the challenges of further legislation:

“The EU's proposals under the EU data strategy are all important. Out of

From a fundamental rights and data protection point of view, it is crucial that the EU

Legislators now find the right balance between the interests of the public

Science and the economy and the interests of the individual in the protection of

Privacy. This is particularly relevant in the area of sensitive health data.”

All speakers emphasized the milestone character of the GDPR

is internationally recognized as the "gold standard" of data protection legislation. There was agreement

that GDPR enforcement has been good for the past five years

worked, but further steps towards broad and effective enforcement

are necessary. That is why those of EU Justice Commissioner Reynders found support

presented plans for an EU regulation to harmonize the cross-border

Cases. The relationship between the GDPR and the proposed legislation was also discussed

as part of the EU digital strategy, in particular the proposal for a regulation on

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Artificial Intelligence (AI-Act) and the proposal for a European

Health Data Room (EHDS). The question of whether this is a shift in meaning

of data protection from a personal approach to a market-oriented one

approach, was viewed differently.

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