

International Working Group

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in Telecommunications

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Data protection for cross-border data requests for law enforcement purposes

Berlin Group demands standards

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (so-called Berlin Group), the headed by the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Ms. Maja Smoltczyk at its 63rd meeting on April 9 and 10, 2018 in Budapest (Hungary), adopted the working paper standards for data protection and the protection of privacy in cross-border data law enforcement requirements adopted.

As more and more data is shared and stored around the world, law enforcement agencies are requesting investigations increasingly require access to personal data located outside located at their national borders. In view of these developments, governments and international nal organizations are increasing their efforts to facilitate access to cloud data. the However, cross-border requests for information raise complicated data protection issues on.

Traditional arrangements for international coordination by law enforcement agencies apply with a view to the increasing frequency and complexity of cross-border data requests ponderous. Alternative mechanisms, such as voluntary agreements between providers and foreign authorities may be subject to different and opaque standards.

If they lack legal force, they offer little security for the protection of the rights of the persons concerned. to.

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications outlined in their recent

published working paper the current developments in the field of cross-border data

ask for law enforcement. It calls on the stakeholders involved to promote a

rapid processing of legitimate cross-border data requests, the interests of data protection

security and privacy at all times and gives recommendations on how this can be guaranteed.

The working paper can be accessed at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>.

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 all over the world dealing with the protection

deal with privacy. The working group was established in 1983 as part of the International Data Protection Conference

renz was founded on the initiative of the Berlin State Data Protection Authority, which has chaired it ever since. Since her

When it was founded, the working group made a large number of recommendations ("Common Positions" and "Working

Papers

re") to improve the protection of privacy in telecommunications. Since the beginning of

In the 1990s, the group was particularly concerned with protecting privacy on the Internet.

More information about the working group and the documents adopted by the group can be found on the

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

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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