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International data traffic in the focus of the European data

protection days

40th Anniversary of the Council of Europe Convention 108 on Data Protection

On the occasion of European Data Protection Day and to celebrate the 40th anniversary

representatives of the Council of Europe's Data Protection Convention 108

and representatives from politics, the judiciary and administration on January 28, 2021 by Vi-

deo transmission together to discuss the challenges of the international

to exchange national data transfers.

More than 900 participants have already registered

de. The advancing digitization and globalization throw in the

With regard to international data traffic, numerous data protection

legal questions raised at the event from the point of view of data protection

Convention 108+ and the General Data Protection Regulation.

The digital conference is organized by the Federal Ministry of the Interior, for Building and

Heimat and the Conference of Independent Data Protection Supervisors

federal and state authorities (DSK).

Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of

Inside, for building and homeland, the conference will open at 1 p.m.:

“We are in extremely challenging times and the corona pandemic

demands a lot from all of us. In the last few weeks and months it has

The topic of digitization has acquired particular importance. our life has

is shifting more and more into the digital space. Especially this latest development

development shows how important data protection is in connection with the

emerging and rapidly advancing digitization. The data protection con-

vention 108 has been an essential companion over the past four decades

been what the advancement of data protection in Europe, but also

beyond that. The transfer of data – the topic of the event

tion – is an aspect of our

entire economic life.”

The Saxon data protection officer Andreas Schurig, who

office held in 2020, explains: “The protection of personal data is

in the 40 years since the data protection convention 108

been. Data protection should be self-determination and freedom in a digitized

ensure the environment. This is not only evident in the case of transmissions in insecure

third countries, but also and especially in the current corona pandemic

mie, in which, for example, the creation of movement patterns from

dydate is discussed."

Monika Grethel, current DSK Chairwoman and State Commissioner for

data protection and freedom of information in Saarland, emphasizes: "It is currently drawing

us as Europeans, that we are individuals and that we protect their fundamental rights

don't lose sight of it. Progress must also be sustainable in the digital world

be. Data protection fulfills this purpose. We should therefore accept the judgment of

ECJ in the Schrems II case as a wake-up call towards more digital sovereignty

stand. It is a commitment to our European values that already exist

four decades in the data protection convention of the Council of Europe

have found a blow."

Other speakers are:

□ Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

□ Dr. H. c. Tim Eicke QC, Judge at the European Court of Justice

human rights

□ Aleid Wolfsen, deputy Chairman of the European Data

protection committee and chairman of the Dutch data

Protection Inspectorate Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens

□ Prof. Dr. dr h.c. Thomas von Danwitz, Judge at the Court of Justice

European Union

□ Alessandra Pierucci, Chair of the Conventions Committee

the Council of Europe's Data Protection Convention 108 (T-PD)

The event will be moderated by TV journalist Ralph Szepanski and

can on January 28, 2021 from 1 p.m. at www.bmi.bund.de/convention108

be followed live.

The opening of the signing of the data protection convention 108 of the EU
roparats took place on January 28, 1981. Around this date since
2007 the annual European Data Protection Day. The data protection convention
tion 108 was the first internationally binding treaty on data protection
and role model for a large number of data protection regulations. To the
In order to do justice to current developments, in 2018 the
convention states agreed on an amendment protocol that
protection convention 108, the so-called data protection convention
tion 108+.

With the General Data Protection Regulation applicable since May 25, 2018
the European Union has one throughout the European Economic Area
uniform regulation for handling personal data
fen. Both the Data Protection Convention 108 and the EU Data Protection
Basic Regulation contain regulations on the international data
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Further information: www.bmi.bund.de/convention108 www.daten-schutzkonferenz-online.de

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