



Nordic data protection authorities continue their close cooperation

On 6-7 May 2019, the Nordic data protection authorities (DPAs) from Denmark, the Faeroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Åland met in Stockholm for their annual Nordic Data Protection Meeting.

In line with a long standing tradition, the Nordic DPAs met to discuss data protection matters and a close Nordic cooperation. Now that one year with the GDPR has passed, these discussions were more concrete and important than ever and focussed especially on joint strategies in enforcement and EU cooperation and information sharing.

The Nordic DPAs had a valuable exchange of experiences and agreed on the following steps for further cooperation.

- The Nordic DPAs will continue to contribute to the EDPB's valuable work on guaranteeing a harmonised application of the GDPR.

We emphasize the value of a close cooperation within the EDPB and its expert subgroups and commit to contribute to this to the best of our efforts. The network of our DPAs' international coordinators will be further strengthened in order to make best use of resources and to provide an arena for exchanging information on a regular basis.

- As agreed in the Copenhagen declaration all DPAs have carried out a DPO audit, the result of which will be finalized and concluded in connection to our next meeting.

We highlight the importance of carrying out joint investigations and acknowledge the need to continue to work together and sharing national experiences both regarding methodology and outcomes.

We will arrange a Nordic DPA workshop, going deeper into the different issues.

- We recognize the importance of controllers and processors being accountable and agreed to help ensure GDPR compliance inter alia by supporting DPOs in their important tasks.

Our cooperation will as always be based on the Nordic values and traditions when it comes to respecting the individuals' fundamental rights and freedoms, transparency and the rule of law.

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