

*Meeting of Central and Eastern European
Data Protection Authorities
Budapest, 28 - 29 April 2011*

Declaration on the new members of the group of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities

Expressing the need to continue our cooperation and exchange of experiences in the field of personal data and privacy protection commenced during the 1st Meeting of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners which took place in Warsaw on 17 December 2001;

Confirming the provisions contained in the Declaration on future cooperation adopted in Smolenice on 24 May 2005 and further specified in the Declaration on cooperation adopted in Kazimierz Dolny on 3 June 2008;

Acknowledging that in the age of global economy and development of IT technologies, the cooperation between data protection commissioners from various countries plays an essential role in ensuring the efficiency of data protection systems;

Taking into consideration that the European data protection regime faces major changes therefore a more advanced cooperation is needed to represent the interest of the group at European level;

Taking into consideration the unique experiences of the members of the group of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities in the field of implementation of data protection legislation which may be useful to the countries where data protection legislation has recently been adopted;

Taking into consideration that our forum of cooperation has been joined by Serbia and Ukraine.

We, the undersigned Commissioners,

- gladly welcome among us the commissioner from Serbia and the director of Ukraine and declare the willingness to support them and to share our experiences with them;*
- call the Council of Europe and the European Commission to promote the development of data protection legislation and to support the activities of independent data protection authorities in Serbia, Ukraine and other countries;*
- invite the data protection authorities created recently in various countries and the countries which have just begun to adopt data protection legislation to cooperate with us.*