



10 YEARS OF DATA PROTECTION DAY: REVIEW AND PROSPECTS



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The European Association for the Defense of Human Rights (AEDH) is celebrating 10 years of Data Protection Day. It will be the opportunity to take testimony from the many stakeholders who have, in their own way, moved forward the principles inherent to this fundamental right. This will also be the opportunity to look to the future and highlight the possible ways of facing the challenges ahead while respecting fundamental rights.

14:30-14:45 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

(Marie-Christine Vergiat, Member of the European Parliament – GUE/NGL)

14.45-15:45 **EUROPEAN STANDARDS AND JURISPRUDENCE OF THE LAST DECADE**

(Chair: tbc)

This first round-table aims at revisiting the reference texts of the European Union and the Council of Europe: what standards have been defined? What has been the contribution of the Courts? What is at stake with the ongoing modernisations?

Peter Hustinx – Former European Data Protection Supervisor and Honorary Doctor of the University of Edinburgh

Cécile de Terwangne – Professor at the University of Namur and member of the Research Centre Information, Law and Society, specialist of human rights and new technologies

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15:45-16:45 **DATA PROTECTION AS FIELD OF ACTIVISM: THE ROLE OF NGOS, WHISTLEBLOWERS AND ACTIVISTS**

(Chair: tbc)

During the last decade we have witnessed the emergence of new actors and new forms of engagement in the fight for data protection. The objective of this roundtable is to shed light on the motivation, experiences and advancements – of those actors.

Maximilian Schrems – Lawyer and privacy activist, successfully challenged the “Safe Harbor” at the CJEU, founder of Europe v Facebook

Katarzyna Szymielewicz – Lawyer and human rights activist, president and co-founder of the Panoptikon Foundation which played an essential role in the fight against ACTA

Jérémie Zimmerman – Co-founder of La Quadrature du Net and cowriter of «*Menace sur nos libertés : Comment Internet nous espionne. Comment résister*» (2012) with Julian Assange, Jacob Appelbaum et Andy Müller-Maguhn

16:45-17:45 **CHALLENGES AHEAD: BIG DATA, FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM...**

(Chair: Cornelia Ernst – Member of the European Parliament – GUE/NGL)

Europe is today at a crossroads and despite the recent law case and the ongoing modernisation of the reference texts, the current economic and security contexts make us fear a regression of the right to privacy. This last round table will explore solutions to face the upcoming challenges while respecting fundamental rights.

Bernard Benhamou - Secretary General of the Institute of Digital Sovereignty and founder of ProximaMobile, expert on Internet of Things and Internet governance

Marc Rees – Journalist and chief editor at NextInpact. He writes on law, data protection, terrorism, surveillance, privacy, etc.

Joe McNamee – Executive director of European Digital Rights (EDRi)

17:45-18:00 **CONCLUSION**

(Maryse Artiguelong, board member of AEDH)

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