

Request for mandate



EDPB Plenary meeting, 07 April 2020

07/04/2020 - Request for mandate regarding geolocation and other tracing tools in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak - Technology ESG

Background

Following the remote plenary meeting on 3 April 2020, the EDPB decided to provide guidance on data protection issues arising in the context of the COVID-19 crisis. Guidance on the issues relating to data protection and the use of tracking and geolocation tools in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak was identified as a priority.

Description of the content of the mandate

Therefore, the TECH ESG is asked to focus in particular on the following issues:

- the use of aggregated / anonymised location data (e.g. provided by telecom or information society service providers) and the effectiveness of aggregation and anonymization techniques;
- the application of the principles of lawfulness, necessity, proportionality, including accuracy, and data minimisation to the different means available to gather location data or trace interactions between data subjects;
- general legal analysis of the use of apps and collection of personal data by apps to help contain the spread of the virus;
- the required safeguards to ensure the respect of data protection principles, including with regard to data retention, in the context of using geo-location or other tracing tools.
- the identification of recommendations or functional requirements for contact tracing applications ;
- the necessity to subject the measures taken to a pre-defined timeframe limited to what is strictly necessary to tackle the emergency situation;

Request to the Plenary:

The Plenary is requested to give a mandate to the TECH ESG that will work according to the above-mentioned content. It shall liaise with the CEH and KEYP ESGs whenever necessary.