07/04/2020 - Request for mandate regarding the processing of health data for research purposes in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak - CEH 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 issues relating to data protection and the processing of health data in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak, for scientific research purposes, was identified as a priority.

Description of the content of the mandate

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

- Processing of health data for the purpose of advancing scientific and medical research connected to the COVID-19 crisis; legal basis, principle of proportionality, information and exercise of the rights of data subjects (right to object, right to erasure, etc.), retention period, etc.;
- Re-use of medical research data connected to the COVID-19 crisis and data sharing;
- Information and exercise of the rights of data subjects in an emergency situation.

Request to the Plenary

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