



Final

## 27th Plenary meeting

12 May 2020

Remote meeting

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### 1. Adoption of the minutes and of the agenda

#### 1.1 Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> EDPB meeting – adoption

The minutes of the previous plenary meeting were adopted by consensus after a modification made in section 2.1.

#### 1.2 Draft agenda of the 27<sup>th</sup> EDPB meeting – adoption

The draft agenda was adopted, with the inclusion of item 3.1 (“NO SA Update”) upon request of the NO SA and item 3.2 (“External IT support”) upon request of the Chair under the Any Other Business.

### 2. Current Focus of the EDPB Members

#### 2.1 Recent Hungarian government decrees in relation to the coronavirus during the state of emergency – discussion

The HU SA explained the background of the recent Hungarian Government Decree 179/2020 and the assessment that the HU SA performed on the draft version of the decree. The HU SA emphasized their disposal to reply to any questions that the members of the Board may have on this matter.

The members of the Board also addressed the letter sent to the EDPB on this regard by several civil society organisations.

Based on the discussion, the members of the Board decided to give a mandate to the KEYP ESG to work on the following items:

- Prepare a draft reply to the letter sent by the NGOs on this matter, which will include a Statement as an Annex.
- Develop general guidance on the interpretation of Article 23 GDPR.

The coordinator of the KEYP ESG proposed to get back to the Plenary by the end of May or beginning of June with a draft reply to the NGOs and further details on the guidance on Article 23 GDPR.

## 2.2 Letter from Amazon to the EDPB Chair on COVID-19 project – discussion

The Chair explained that the EDPB received a letter from Amazon with regard to a COVID-19 initiative that Amazon is developing regarding their staff in the EU.

The members of the Board decided that a response letter will be sent to Amazon by the Chair, replying to Amazon to contact the national competent SAs and raising the fact that in principle, when companies seek for advice, they should address the LSA in this matter.

## 3. AOB

### 3.1 NO SA Update

The NO SA explained that their national broadcaster approached several data brokers in order to write a report about the facility to purchase location data of individuals in Norway. Despite the location data were termed “anonymous”, the broadcaster had no issue identifying the individuals in question and following their movements (ie. visit of hospitals or health institutions, etc.). This has sparked a major debate in Norway.

The NO SA has been approached by several newspapers in this regard.

### 3.2 External IT support to the Chair

The Chair explained the technical difficulties she faces, due to the extraordinary increase of remote conferences, panels and meetings since the COVID-19 pandemic, which she is attending remotely in her role as Chair of the EDPB. Due to this, the Chair informed the Members that she will have to use external technical support during the time of the pandemic that will be financed by the EDPB budget, in order to enable her to perform her duties as Chair of the EDPB in an appropriate manner even during these difficult times.

### NEW 3.3 PL online training for teachers

The PL SA informed the members of the Board of the initiative to provide online training for teachers and invited the members of the Board to take part in the training and cooperate with the PL SA on this matter.

## Annex: Attendance List

**SAs:** AT SA, BE SA, BG SA, CY SA, CZ SA, DE SA, DK SA, EDPS, EE SA, EL SA, ES SA, FI SA, FR SA, HR SA, HU SA, IE SA, IS SA, IT SA, LI SA, LT SA, LU SA, LV SA, MT SA, NL SA, NO SA, PL SA, PT SA, RO SA, SE SA, SI SA.

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