

17th Meeting
of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities
Tirana, 29-30 April 2015

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

Recognizing principles announced during the 1st Meeting of Central and Eastern European Data Protection Commissioners which took place in Warsaw, on 17 December 2001;

Guided by 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;

Considering necessity of promotion and continuation of joint collaboration among Data Protection Authorities

In response to the request submitted by the National Agency for Personal Data Protection of Kosovo (hereinafter NAPDP), for membership in the group of the Central and Eastern European Data Protection Authorities;

Recognizing NAPDP's expressed interest to be present also through membership status in organizations build for the protection of personal data;

Aware of the intention of NAPDP to cooperate constructively in the region and beyond also through cooperation agreements;

Certain of the commitment of NAPDP to promote human rights and freedoms in its country;

Conscious that this membership shall enable the NAPDP to acquire the experience of regional countries, in order to achieve wider citizens' awareness of the protection of their privacy;

We, the undersigned Commissioners,

- Welcome among us the National Agency for Personal Data Protection of Kosovo;
- Declare the willingness to mutual support and sharing experiences;
- Commit to assist each other in different areas of competence upon request and within our available resources with every effort made to meet requests for cooperation;
- Declare support to each other whenever positive identification of common areas of concern relating to our visions and missions occurs;

- Invite also 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;
- Call upon 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 Georgia and other countries