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Working Paper on Privacy and Artificial Intelligence released

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (so-called Berlin Group), chaired by the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Maja Smolczyk, has passed a **Working Paper on Privacy and Artificial Intelligence** at its 64th meeting in Queenstown (New Zealand) on 29 and 30 November 2018. After a written procedure the Working Paper has been finally adopted.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is high on the agenda of many business sectors due to its perceived potential for radically improving services, commercial break-throughs and financial gains. It is expected that the next five years will see the pervasive implementation of AI technologies. AI systems generally require the processing of huge volumes of data for their development. In a number of cases, these data are personal data, potentially impacting on individuals' rights to data protection and to privacy.

The Working Paper on Privacy and Artificial Intelligence highlights the privacy challenges associated with the development and use of AI. It provides a set of technical recommendations to help developers of AI systems, system providers, organisations purchasing and using AI systems, and Data Protection Authorities to mitigate privacy risks.

The Working Paper is available for download at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>

About the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (“Berlin Group”)

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (IWGDPT, also known as “Berlin Group”) includes representatives from Data Protection Authorities and international organisations dealing with privacy matters from all over the world. It was founded in 1983 at the initiative of the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection, who has since then been chairing the Group. The Group has adopted numerous recommendations (“Common Positions” and “Working Papers”) aimed at improving the protection of privacy in telecommunications. Since the beginning of the 90s the Group has focused particularly on the protection of privacy on the Internet.

More information about the Work of the Group and the documents adopted by the Group are available for download on the website of the Group at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>

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The Working Group has been initiated by Data Protection Commissioners from different countries in order to improve privacy and data protection in telecommunications and media