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# Data Protection Metrics Working Group

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## Introduction

The Data Protection Metrics Working Group was constituted in 2016 following the adoption of the Resolution on Developing New Metrics of Data Protection Regulation at the 38<sup>th</sup> Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco.

In 2017 the Data Protection Metrics Working Group undertook the first ever census of the Conference membership. The census was designed to give a comprehensive overview of privacy and data protection authorities across the globe.

The first ever Conference Census was a success and contributed to the aims of the Conference.

After reviewing the Census, the working group submitted a resolution specifically on the Conference Census which was adopted at the 40<sup>th</sup> Conference in Brussels in 2018. The Conference Census resolution resolved to

1. Record its intention to periodically repeat an ICDPPC Census every three years.
2. Direct the Executive Committee to arrange for the next census to be held in 2020 and to centrally receive the results, make them available and calculate benchmarks.
3. Extend the mandate of the ICDPPC Working Group on Data Protection Metrics, and encourage the WG's close engagement with the WPSPDE/WPMADE.

## Working Group Activities

The Working Group had previously reviewed the questionnaire of the 2017 Census and concluded that most of the questions were useful, but some questions did not need to be repeated in the next census.

Additional questions submitted by the other GPA working groups were included in the census questionnaire for 2020.

However, the Conference Census places the responsibility of conducting the census in 2020 on the Executive Committee. But due to the untimely outbreak of COVID-19 the Executive Committee has agreed to conduct the Census after the closed session in October 2020 to be delivered at the next GPA meeting in 2021.

## Forward looking plan 2020-2021

As specified above the Executive Committee has agreed to launch the census questionnaire after the 2020 Virtual Closed Session. The GPA Secretariat will be tasked with the responsibility to translate the census questionnaire. The Secretariat will also ensure that the GPA analyses the census responses to be reported at the GPA meeting in 2021.

The Data Protection Metrics Working Group will review and prioritise its focus in 2020-21, particularly in relation to the list of [potential projects set out in the group's 2017 report](#), and to how metrics can support the GPA's strategic priorities and planning.