

OECD/GPA Virtual Workshop (COVID-19 series)

The road to recovery: Lessons learned and challenges ahead

Addressing the data protection and privacy challenges raised by COVID-19

16 September 2020; 12h00-15h30 (Paris time) via Zoom

AGENDA

Now that the initial shock of the COVID-19 crisis has eased, many countries around the world are looking for solutions to carefully restart their economies and enable citizens to move, travel and interact with each other safely and securely. But the virus still presents a very real threat to public health and in many countries the infection rates continue to increase.

To assist in containment and recovery efforts, countries are continuing to investigate the utility of digital technologies and data sharing arrangements, including those that can track the spread of the virus and assist research efforts to develop a vaccine. Data protection authorities, the private sector, academia and civil society have been playing important roles in working with governments and policymakers to ensure that these innovative solutions adopt best practices when it comes to data governance, data protection and privacy.

This virtual OECD/GPA COVID-19 Workshop is designed as an opportunity to share lessons learned to date as countries enter different stages of their respective COVID-19 journeys. Held as a follow-up to the first event in April 2020, it will be a forum for governments, data protection authorities, academics and other stakeholders to discuss how these lessons can prepare us for future data protection and privacy challenges that arise in the road to recovery.

11:40 – 12:00	Meeting registration and check-in
12:00 – 12:15	Opening and welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elizabeth Denham CBE, Chair of the Global Privacy Assembly, Information Commissioner, UK• Andrew Wyckoff, Director for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD
12:15-12:25	Keynote on surveillance in the context of COVID-19 – are there new privacy challenges emerging? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Cannataci, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy

12:25 – 13:55

Session 1: Taking Stock – Challenges to date and lessons learned

This session seeks to identify the data protection and privacy challenges that countries have already faced in the context of their front-line responses to COVID-19, as well as a discussion of what solutions they have implemented and what lessons have been learned to date.

This session will focus on questions such as:

- What solutions have been implemented to ensure multi-stakeholder co-operation, including between policymakers, data protection authorities, the private sector and civil society, when it comes to ensuring data protection and privacy in frontline COVID-19 responses?
- What data sharing practices (including amongst government, health authorities, law enforcement agencies and the private sector) have been most useful to manage national responses? How have barriers to sharing been addressed whilst protecting privacy?
- How effective have digital contact tracing technologies been? How have countries been able to implement privacy by design solutions to foster trust in these technologies to increase adoption rates?

Moderator: Raymund Enriquez Liboro, Privacy Commissioner and Chairman, Philippines National Privacy Commission and Chair of the GPA COVID-19 Taskforce

Lead discussants [8 mins each]:

- Alessandra Pierucci, Chair of the Committee of Convention 108, Council of Europe
- Andrew Smith, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, United States
- Joanne Groube, Assistant Secretary, Health Economic and Research Division, Australian Government
- John Edwards, Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand
- Dr. Eduardo Bertoni, Director, National Access to Public Information Agency, Argentina

Open discussion [approx. 30 mins]

13:55 – 14:00

Short break

14:00 – 15:25

Session 2: The Road to Recovery – Challenges ahead

Building on the discussion of Session 1, this session is designed to identify and examine the major data protection and privacy challenges that countries may face in the next stages of their COVID-19 recoveries, along with a discussion of how countries can prepare for those challenges. It will also seek to address what practical solutions exist to ensure multi-stakeholder collaboration in the recovery response.

The session will focus on questions such as:

- What are the major data protection, privacy and cybersecurity challenges that countries will likely face as lockdown measures are lifted, and individuals

return to work and school? How are countries preparing for those challenges in a way that promotes cross-border policy coherence?

- What solutions may exist to address the challenge of interoperability amongst tracing apps, particularly as travel restrictions are lifted?
- What challenges arise in relation to digital identity/health passports?

Moderator: Steve Wood, Deputy Commissioner (Policy), UK ICO and Chair of the Working Party on Data Governance and Privacy, OECD

Lead discussants [8 mins each]:

- Dr. Urs Gasser, Executive Director, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and Professor of Practice, Harvard Law School
- Pam Dixon, Executive Director, World Privacy Forum
- Dr. Yves Verhoeven, Chair, Working Party on Security in the Digital Economy, OECD
- Dale Sunderland, Deputy Commissioner, Data Protection Commissioner of Ireland
- Ana María Muñoz, Legal Director of the Council of Transparency, Chile
- Dr. Beomsoo Kim, Dean and Professor at the Graduate School of Information, Yonsei University, Korea and Vice-Chair (Korea) of the Working Party on Data Governance and Privacy in the Digital Economy, OECD

Open discussion [approx. 30 mins]

15:25 – 15:30

Closing remarks

- Steve Wood, Deputy Commissioner (Policy), UK ICO and Chair of the WPDGP