

International Enforcement Cooperation Working Group

Quarterly stocktake summary:
February – April 2021



Note

A key feature of the IEWG is open and frank discussions on current privacy risks, and individual and collective enforcement efforts. To preserve this high value for the group, and its present and future members, certain enforcement related information (such as prospective non-public actions flowing from safe space sessions), are not included in this summary.

Overview

The principal focus of the IEWG is on practical tools, solutions and approaches that support enforcement cooperation generally and in live and on-going investigations. This derives from its mandate under Pillar 2 of the GPA's Policy Strategy and is reflected in the current IEWG workplan, summarised below:

- *Priority 1 – Foundations* - develop and test a framework for IEWG enforcement cooperation safe space sessions.
- *Priority 2 – Tools* - update the Enforcement Cooperation Handbook, and maintain / promote the Enforcement Cooperation Repository.
- *Priority 3 - Awareness and communication* - reach out to global PEA networks and explore areas of coordination.
- *Facial Recognition Technology* - with AIWG, develop a set of principles for use of personal data in FRT and promote to key external stakeholders.
- *Video Teleconference Companies (VTCs)* - address concerns with increased privacy risks of VTC use during pandemic.

Progress

Headline progress made by the IEWG between February and April 2021 includes:

- Completion of safe space framework; tested in two safe space sessions.
- Completion of analysis of responses from Enforcement Cooperation Handbook survey.
- Draft comms and plan created for ongoing maintenance and promotion of the Enforcement Cooperation Repository.
- Completion of draft landscape map for DPA networks and recommendations for coordination with IEWG.
- FRT research phase progressed, including circulation of GPA member survey.
- Presentations held by VTCs to joint signatories of VTC open letter.
- Establishment of an IEWG subgroup on credential stuffing to develop guidance notes for public and organisations.
- Increased IEWG membership.

Next quarter

Priority actions for the IEWG in the next quarter (between April and June 2021) include:

- Further test and evaluate the safe space framework in additional sessions.
- Draft update to Enforcement Cooperation Handbook based on survey analysis.
- Finalise plan for maintenance and promotion of the Enforcement Cooperation Repository.
- Finalise DPA network landscape map and recommendations for coordination with IEWG; develop engagement plan.
- Complete and circulate FRT survey with external stakeholders.
- Draft public statement on outcomes from VTC work stream.

- Draft guidance notes on credential stuffing.
- Draft and submit IEWG annual report to GPA.
- Consult IEWG members on refresh of priorities and objectives for 2021-23.
- Begin nomination process for IEWG co-chairs for 2021-23.