



SUMMARY OF THE 65th GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Committee Meeting: 16 September 2021

The meeting was chaired by Elizabeth Denham CBE, Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), UK, GPA Chair.

UPDATE FROM THE GPA STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Strategic Direction Sub-Committee (SDSC), Ms. Angelene Falk, Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Australian Information Commission (OAIC), Australia provided an update regarding SDSC activity.

Since the Executive Committee meeting in June, the SDSC has met with three Working Group Chairs for a further deep dive session.

The SDSC Chair provided a brief update on the SDSC workplan, comprising three themes:

- **Overseeing the Strategic Plan:**
 - The SDSC worked closely with the Working Groups on the delivery of the current strategic plan and advised on the GPA Census in relation to data governance in the public sector. The SDSC is using that work to inform future work in the Working Group on Data Sharing for the Public Good.
- **Coordinating Strategic messaging:**
 - The SDSC coordinates consistent messaging to be delivered by all members on the updating of the GPA Strategic Plan and a new observer report template for use in external meetings, such as APEC.
 - The SDSC's guidance for members who wish to use the Joint Statement mechanism was endorsed by the Executive Committee.
- **Facilitating strategic engagement:**
 - The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Germany (BfDI), Germany put together a proposal for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting regarding strategies for strengthening engagement with the regional and linguistic networks.

The SDSC Chair acknowledged the support and work of SDSC members, BfDI, Germany, IDP Albania and ICO, UK. Both the GPA Chair and SDSC Chair agreed on the importance of connectivity with the Working Groups in delivery of the Strategic Plan.



43rd GPA 2021 CONFERENCE

The National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI), Mexico took the decision at the end of August to move the 2021 Conference online due to the fact that Mexico had not yet reached the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic's third wave and many countries still have travel restrictions in place.

There is a high number of connections available for this year's event. The platform will offer simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish. The platform was planned from the start as the core of the original hybrid event, so there are no major changes in the move to this online only event.

GPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The GPA Executive Committee adopted its Annual Report which will be made available for the membership vote in October and the GPA Census will be made available alongside the Report.

THE GIOVANNI BUTTARELLI AWARD

The GPA chair remarked that this new award launched in 2021 was a significant step in recognising Giovanni Buttarelli as an outstanding leader, and that this award will now be awarded every year in Giovanni's memory. The announcement of the Award winner will be made at the 43rd GPA 2021 Open Session Conference.