



## **World's Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners to gather in Brussels in 2018**

**News release by Chair, Executive Committee, International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners**

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John Edwards, Chair of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners, announced today that the 40th annual conference will be held in Brussels in October 2018.

“The Conference is delighted to meet at the heart of the European Union just a few months after the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation is due to commence” Mr Edwards said.

The event will be jointly hosted by the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the Commission for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Bulgaria.

“This will be another first for the Conference with our first co-host from a supranational member authority and the first co-host from the Western Balkans.”

Mr Edwards added that selection of a host 19 months in advance supported the strategic goal of placing the Conference on a sound footing by providing hosts with a long lead time to organise what had become a major event on the annual global privacy calendar.

### **Background**

The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners first met in 1979. It has been the premier global forum for data protection authorities for over three decades. The Conference seeks to provide leadership at international level in data protection and privacy and links 115 privacy and data protection authorities from across the globe.

The EDPS is the independent European data protection authority charged with monitoring the processing of personal data by more than seventy EU institutions and bodies of the European Union. It has been a member of ICDPPC since 2004. The Commission for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Bulgaria is the Bulgarian data protection authority and has been a member since 2010.

The indicative dates of the 40<sup>th</sup> Conference are 22-26 October 2018 but these are subject to confirmation later in 2017.

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