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# Data Protection for the Digital Age

## A Greens/EFA hearing

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### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:30

*Welcome and introduction*

**Jan Philipp Albrecht, MEP**

9:40

*Panel 1: The Right to be Forgotten, or: How to Exercise User Rights?*

Topics / Questions:

- How to enhance and enforce user rights on data protection in the information age?
- Which rights do we need to have a technology-neutral approach that holds for the next 20 years?
- Does the R2BF really make sense, and what does it mean for freedom of expression and historians?

Moderator : **Christian Engström, MEP**

Speakers :

- **Viktor Mayer-Schönberger**, Oxford Internet Institute
- **Joris van Hoboken**, Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam
- **Anna Fielder**, Privacy International
- **Peter Hustinx**, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

10:45

***Panel 2: Code as Law? Technological Approaches and Privacy-Driven Technology Development***

Topics / Questions:

- Which kind of regulatory environment is needed to enhance the usage of Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PETs)?
- Do we need more clarity for Privacy by Design / Privacy by Default?
- Can "Do Not Track" and similar technical protocols reconcile usability with informed choices of users? (Why did earlier approaches such as P3P fail, and can they be re-born?)
- How to get privacy impact assessment regulations right?

Moderator: **Amelia Andersdotter**, MEP

Speakers:

- **Seda Gürses**, Catholic University of Leuven
- **Alain Pannetrat**, French Data Protection Authority (CNIL)
- **Rigo Wenning**, Legal Counsel and Privacy Activity Lead, World Wide Web Consortium
- **Rosa Barcelo**, European Commission, DG Information Society

11:50

***Panel 3: Police Data Sharing and Access to Corporate Databases***

Topics / Questions:

- The patchwork of data protection rules for member states and EU agencies in this field
- How to get political momentum for better data protection in the field of law enforcement?
- What is and should be the relation between the principle of access (Swedish initiative) and data protection rules?
- How to turn around the trend to ever more data collection and retention
- What is really necessary and proportionate?

Moderator: **Judith Sargentini**, MEP

Speakers:

- **Franziska Boehm**, University of Luxembourg
- **Caspar Bowden**, independent privacy advocate and EDRi observer
- **Katarzyna Szymielewicz**, Panoptikon Foundation and EDRi vice-president

12:55

**Closing Remarks: Jan Philipp Albrecht, MEP**

13:00

Networking Lunch

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