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THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION OF PRIVACY CORRESPONDENTS

AFCDP* was created in 2004, following the modification of the Data Protection Act which officially created the function of Data Protection Correspondent («*Correspondant à la protection des données à caractère personnel*» or CIL, «*Correspondant Informatique & Libertés* »).

AFCDP is a wide forum. Beyond the professionals of privacy and beyond the Data Protection Correspondents appointed before the CNIL, the association gathers any person interested in the protection of personal data. The value of the association resides –among other- in the diversity of profiles of its members: CIL, data protection managers, lawyers and attorneys, HR specialists, software engineers, information security managers, security experts, professionals of the e-commerce and marketing sectors, quality specialists, consultants, university professors and students.



* Association Française des Correspondants à la Protection des Données

Objectives:

Dialogue – Think – Suggest

AFCDP promotes discussion on issues relevant to CIL status and tasks. It participates in related initiatives at national, European and international levels. AFCDP maintains relationship with the French National Data Protection Commission (CNIL) and other European and French authorities involved in the protection of personal data. At a time where the legal framework for the protection data is being revised, AFCDP considers it worth thinking about the role of Data Protection Officials.

Inform - Sensitize

- AFCDP informs its members of relevant technological, legal and managerial developments. AFCDP's newsletter is sent every month to about 1 000 recipients.
- AFCDP raises awareness of citizens, universities, schools and organizations.

The association organizes about six events every year, involving experts, on technical, managerial and legal topics relating to the protection of personal data. In June 2009 for its 5th annual conference, AFCDP issued a pan-European spreadsheet comparing the functions of Data Protection Officials in 10 different countries.



Network - Deliver

AFCDP facilitates exchanges among members to identify and promote best professional practices via working groups and regular meetings in Paris and in French regions. AFCDP working groups issue guidelines on key topics: (anonymization, DPO annual report, top 10 reasons to appoint a CIL, CRM, International data transfers, cybermonitoring...).

Organization:

AFCDP renewed its board of Directors in September 2009. This renewal brought in the representatives of large organizations such as Areva (worldwide leader in nuclear and renewable energies), Groupe Casino (retail and supermarket chains), ESSEC (organization of business schools) and La Poste (national postal services). They share their enthusiasm with the re-elected candidates, including the representative of Banque de France (French national central bank), the Correspondent of Notaries and the AFCDP President, CIL of AG2R - La Mondiale.



The AFCDP board now counts 2/3 of officially designated Data Protection Correspondents ("so-called "CIL", "*Correspondants Informatique et Libertés*") and 1/3 of women.

Programme:

The new Board is working on an ambitious programme:

- AFCDP workshops will continue to work on events and deliverables. It issued guidelines for the CIL to be ready in case of investigation by the CNIL, the French DP Authority. Two new working groups "Human Resources" and "Social Networks" have been recently created. The security breach notification group continues its work in spite of the lack of progress of the Bill "Détraigne Escoffier" after the implementation of the e-communications Directive in France.
- On a political standpoint, AFCDP, after its hearing by the Senators Y. Détraigne and AM. Escoffier (authors of the report « privacy at the time of digital memories »), organized a half day meeting to debate on the DP Act, the data protection directive and the CIL. AFCDP contributed to the Consultation launched by the EU Commission on the Global Framework for the Future of Privacy. AFCDP has also been asked to contribute to the work on "the right to be forgotten" (« *droit à l'oubli* ») initiated by the former State Secretary in charge of "prospective and development of the digital economy", N. Kosciusko Morizet.
- AFCDP will also consolidate its sister relationship with its foreign counterparts, including IAPP and GDD. In particular, it is active in the creation of CEDPO, a Confederation of European Data Protection Organizations with the German GDD, the Dutch NGFG and the Spanish APEP, aimed at maintaining a dialogue with European institutions to promote DPOs and reasonable and practicable data protection.

Members:

Some AFCDP members: Accor, Acxiom, Adecco, AGF, Alcatel, Banque de France, BP France, BT, Bull, Carrefour, Esso, France Telecom, Galeries Lafayette, Groupe Casino, La FNAC, IBM France, Legrand, Michelin, Microsoft, RATP, Swisslife, SFR, Toyota France Financement, Total.

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