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The Future of Encryption in the EU

Webinar

19 November 2020: 14:30 – 16:20

Organised via Zoom

Introduction:

After in 2017 the Commission insisted that it would not weaken encryption as part of its push to give law enforcement authorities more access to private data, encryption has recently appeared high up on EU policymakers' agenda. For instance, the European Commission listed in its July 2020 Security Union Strategy possible solutions to tackle child pornography material which might result in introducing measures that could directly or indirectly weaken encryption. At the same time, several ongoing EU digital initiatives, such as the Digital Services Act's IMCO report and the ePrivacy Regulation, have emphasized the importance of end-to-end encryption to securing interpersonal communication. This webinar will provide an opportunity to EU policymakers, civil society, and industry members to discuss the role that encryption in securing Europe's digital future and the upcoming trends and challenges that might impact the use of encryption in the EU.

Format:

The conference will start with a keynote session to be delivered by Mr. Wojciech Wiewiórowski, European Data Protection Supervisor. Following this, the conference will be divided into two main panel discussions, focusing on the conversation surrounding encryption and effective law enforcement (Panel 1), and on the policy-oriented discussion on the future of encryption in Europe's legislative files and policy iniatives (Panel 2).

Moderator(s): To be moderated by ISOC

Draft agenda:

Welcome remarks *(14:30 – 14:35)*	- Welcoming remarks by ISOC
Keynote speech *(14:35 – 14:45)*	- **Mr. Wojciech Wiewiórowski**, European Data Protection Supervisor (Confirmed)
Presentation of Panel 1 by Moderator *(14:45 – 14:50)*	- To be presented by ISOC
Panel 1 **Strong encryption and effective law enforcement: a reconcilable dispute?**	*This panel will feature a discussion on the intersection of effective law enforcement and strong encryption. Speakers will discuss ideas, challenges, and opportunities, among others, for striking a workable balance between encryption as a critical tool for online privacy&security and prevention, combatting and investigation of crimes online.* <u>Invited speakers:</u> - **Mr. Markus Richter,** State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community and Federal Government Commissioner for Information Technology - **MEP Sophie in 't Veld** (Renew Europe, Netherlands)

Five minute interventions by speakers followed by a 20 min Q&A session *(14:50 – 15:30)*	- **Mr. Klaus Landefeld**, Vice Chairman of the Management Board, Director Infrastructure & Network. eco - Association of the Internet Industry (Confirmed) - **Mr. Diego Naranjo**, Head of Public Policy (Europe), EDRi (Confirmed) Q&A (20 mins): moderator leads a round of questions to the speakers and from participants online
Presentation of Panel 2 by Moderator *(15:30 – 15:35)*	- To be presented by ISOC
Panel 2 *(15:35 – 16:15)* **The new digital agenda: What future role for encryption in the EU?** *Five minute interventions by speakers followed by a 20 min Q&A session*	*Recently, encryption has been a priority on EU policymakers' agenda, with upcoming proposals on Child Sexual Abuse Online, a new Security Union Strategy, and ongoing discussions on ePrivacy and eEvidence – all of which are touching on encryption. This panel will discuss the role that encryption in Europe's digital future and the upcoming trends and challenges that might impact the use of encryption in the EU* Invited speakers: - **Mr. Paul Nemitz**, Principal Adviser at DG JUST (Confirmed) - **Mr. Jean-Christophe Le Toquin,** Coordinator, Encryption Europe - **Ms. Iverna McGowan**, Director of Europe Office, Center for Democracy and Technology (Confirmed) - **Patrick Penninckx,** Head of Information Society Department, Council of Europe (Confirmed) Q&A (20 mins): moderator leads a round of questions to the speakers and from participants online
Closing remarks *(16:15 – 16:20)*	- Closing remarks by ISOC