

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chairman

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Subject: *Invitation to the LIBE Inter-parliamentary Committee meeting on “The Implementation of the Data Protection package – At the eve of the entry into force” on 15 May 2018 in Brussels*

Honourable Chairperson,

I am pleased to inform you that the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) will organise an Inter-parliamentary committee meeting with National Parliaments on Tuesday 15 May 2018 in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels on the issue of “The implementation of the EU Data Protection Package at the eve of its entry into force”.

On 27 April 2016, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation) and Directive (EU) 2016/680 (Data Protection Directive for law enforcement purposes). These two instruments have achieved a major breakthrough of the European data protection legal framework in order to establish a modern, robust and consistent legal framework. The new data protection package strengthens the protection of the individuals' right to personal data protection, reflecting the nature of data protection as a fundamental right in the European Union.

While the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will set a single set of rules for a uniform application of the rules for all citizens and businesses, leading to a harmonised level playing field and uniform protection of individuals, the “law enforcement Directive” will establish a harmonised framework for the processing of personal data for law enforcement activities, which replaces the different legal regimes existing before the Lisbon Treaty.

These instruments shall be applicable as of 25 May 2018, after a two years period given to the Member States to implement these instruments into national law and adapt their national legislation to the new legal framework.

National Parliaments are being deeply involved over these two years in the adoption of the national legislation implementing the data protection package. Because of their crucial role in this process, they are in a unique position to share their views and experience on the implementation of the data protection package.

It is for this reason that the LIBE Committee would like to invite Members of National Parliaments to an Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting on “The implementation of the EU Data Protection Package at the eve of its entry into force”.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15 May 2018, from 9h00 to 12h30 and 14h00-17h30 in the European Parliament in Brussels (please see the draft programme attached - Annex I).

I am therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each National Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

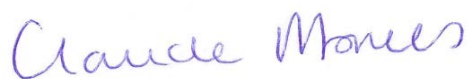
The meeting is structured around four main sessions; in each of them National Parliaments' representatives will be involved.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution, which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament, responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 15 May 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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