Conference welcomes new resource supporting data protection in humanitarian action

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, today welcomed the publication of the ***Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action*** by the Brussels Privacy Hub, an academic research centre of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels or VUB) in Brussels, Belgium, and the Data Protection Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

"I congratulate the authors and institutions that have worked so hard to produce such a substantial resource and for their generosity in making it free to download" Mr Edwards said.

"The 37th International Conference of Data Protection Commissioners adopted a [Resolution on Privacy and International Humanitarian Action](#) at its meeting in Amsterdam in 2015 that acknowledged the importance of international humanitarian action and recognised the integral role of good information handling practices in this area."

"In response to the resolution the Conference established a Humanitarian Action Working Group and I am pleased to note the supporting part that members of that group have played in this successful Brussels Privacy Hub/ICRC initiative."

The Brussels Privacy Hub news release announcing the publication is available at: http://brusselsprivacyhub.eu/news.html

The Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action can be downloaded at: http://brusselsprivacyhub.eu/publications/dataprotectionhandbook.html

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 114 privacy and data protection authorities from across the globe.

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