



RESOLUTION

Improving Data Protection and Management in the European Union

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Recognising that:

- Facebook has admitted that close to 2.7 million people in the European Union may have been victim of irregular and inappropriate data sharing involving political data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica¹.
- EU bodies should be allowed to fully audit Facebook to assess data protection and security of users' personal data².
- Europe's General Data Protection Regulation constraints are changing the data collect and management of tech's biggest firms.
- European Union data protection rules, also known as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (or GDPR), aims to collect and rule different situations where a company or an organisation has the permission to collect or reuse European union citizens' personal information³.

Acknowledging that:

- Citizens' data protection rights always have to be obligatorily respected.
- The GDPR is applicable as of 25 May 2018 in all Member states to harmonize data privacy law across Europe.
- Under GDPR, users obtain extended rights to have access to the data that a company has gathered about them through a "data subject request" freely.
- Users also have the "right to be forgotten", which means companies must delete someone's data if they withdraw their consent for it to be held⁴.
- According to GDPR standards, enterprises will only be able to collect data if there's a specific business purpose for it rather than collecting extra information at the point of sign-up just in case.

¹ <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/facebook-cambridge-analytica-personal-data-european-europe-am-i-affected-a8291656.html>

² <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20181008IPR15260/facebook-meps-demand-a-full-audit-by-eu-bodies-to-assess-data-protection>

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/justice-and-fundamental-rights/data-protection/2018-reform-eu-data-protection-rules_en

⁴ https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/consumers/internet-telecoms/data-protection-online-privacy/index_en.htm

YEPP calls on:

- The European Parliament to upgrade the competition rules to clearly reflect the digital reality.
- European Institutions to adapt and implement measures to prevent election meddling.
- Member States to further investigate alleged misuse of online political space by foreign forces.
- European Commission to suspend the Privacy Shield agreement (designed to protect EU citizens whose personal data are transferred to the US for commercial purposes), since US authorities failed to comply with its terms by 1 September 2018.⁵

⁵ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20181008IPR15260/facebook-meps-demand-a-full-audit-by-eu-bodies-to-assess-data-protection>