



## RESOLUTION

### **PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION REFORM**

Adopted at the YEPP Council of Presidents  
in Bucharest on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013

#### **Recognising:**

- Recently revealed information about the NSA's PRISM system and concerns in relation to spying on European citizens;
- The dynamic development of the digital economy which is growing at seven times the rate of the rest of the European economy;
- Ongoing discussions and legislative work on the reform of current data protection regulation at a European level which is one of the priorities of the Lithuanian's Presidency.

#### **Acknowledging:**

- Current regulations – the directive 95/46/EC – were been adopted 18 years ago and no longer apply to the digital globalized world;
- Each Member State of the European Union has its own data protection regulations which cannot be effective without harmonisation at European level;
- The strong need to show citizens that after the ACTA protests, the European Union aspires to protect internet users, their rights and protect them from unauthorised investigation;
- Choices made now will have a huge impact on citizens' fundamental right to privacy in the coming years and failure to legislate may endanger other rights and freedoms.

**YEPP calls on:**

- The European Council, European Commission and European Parliament to utilise all resources to finish legislative work on a new Data Protection directive before the European elections;
- To strongly protect European Citizen's personal data against transfer to third party countries;
- To support the rule that personal data can be used and stored with the explicit consent of the citizen;
- To maintain the highest possible level of privacy protection while at the same time respecting the business needs of the digital economy sector;
- To legally require all companies providing their services within the EU and for EU citizens, to act under European law regardless of where they are based.