

20i7

INITIATIVE

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## **Declaration of co-operation of Data Protection Authorities in Initiative 20i7**

**Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia (alphabetical order) at the initiative of the Information Commissioner of the Republic of Slovenia:**

Realising that personal data are the currency of the knowledge-based information economy;

Recognising that international flows of data and rapid development of information and communication technologies require stronger co-operation and sharing of experiences between supervisory authorities;

Considering that we share a significant amount of similar geographical, historical and legal frameworks;

Noting that our agencies face similar problems and challenges for protection of personal data posed by reform of EU legislation, increasing digitalisation and global transfers of personal data;

Considering that sharing our experiences and skills could improve the quality of our services in assuring a high level of protection of personal data;

Realising that our co-operation may be regarded as an example of good practice in bringing the region together by overcoming political and other differences;

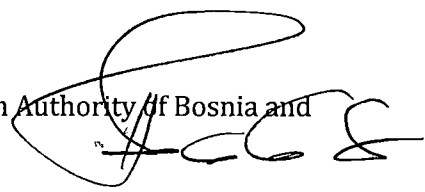
**the DPAs gathered together at the inaugural meeting of Initiative 20i7 consider it an important priority to strengthen their co-operation and sharing of experience.**

Consequently, the DPAs agree to participate in Initiative 20i7 and that:

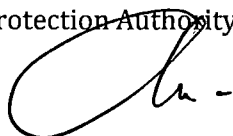
- an annual meeting of DPAs is organized in a rotating manner,
- the focus of the meeting is professional and expert co-operation in the field of personal data protection not influenced by or subjected to political differences or issues,

- the aim of the annual meeting is to discuss current issues in data protection, exchange of best practices and experience,
- there shall be no official language and no interpretation services as the idea is to speak freely to extent that we all understand each other,
- the DPAs may issue common press releases but will not adopt written opinions or other written documents,
- the DPAs may agree on other actions they deem necessary to foster a higher level of protection of personal data.

Data Protection Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Data Protection Authority of Croatia



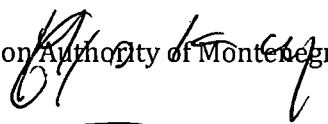
Data Protection Authority of Kosovo



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