BITS Seminar – Data sharing and re-use

University Foundation – 3 October 2018

Setting the scene

Thomas Tombal

PhD student and Researcher at CRIDS & UNamur (Law faculty)

thomas.tombal@unamur.be







Data

- Data is an essential resource for economic growth, job creation and societal progress
- "Internet of Things" will contribute to the exponential increase of data



Data

- "Machine-generated data" (MGD) at the heart of tomorrow's economy, notably via "Big Data" applications
 - o "[Data] created without the direct intervention of a human by computer processes, applications or services, or by sensors processing information received from equipment, software or machinery, whether virtual or real"

(Communication, "Building a European data economy", 10 January 2017, COM(2017) 9 final, p. 9)





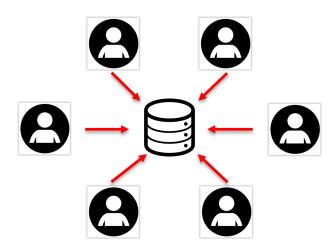






Issue

 Wide variety of stakeholders have legitimate interests in controlling, accessing and/or making profit out of the processing of such MGD → multiple competing claims/rights



- Difficulty of establishing a well-defined EU legal framework for these MGD
 - "Lack of a legal environment (...) may contribute to insufficient access to large datasets (...) and stifling effects on innovation"

(Communication, "Building a European data economy", 10 January 2017, COM(2017) 9 final, p. 3)

EU Legal framework

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Transport Directive 2010/40/EU Spatial NSPIRE Directive 2007/2/EC PRIIPs Regulation No 1286/2014 Solvency II Directive 2009/138/EC Financial · MiFID II Directive 2014/65/EU services MiFIR Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 Plant Protection Products Directive 2003/4/EC Environment Public Access to Environmental Information Life Sciences Directive 2003/4/EC Data sharing obligations Pharmaceuticals Medicinal Products Directive 2001/83/EC Chemicals REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 Directive for Internal Market in Electricity 2009/72/EC Energy & Directive for Internal Market in Natural Gas 2009/73/EC Utilities Energy Labelling Directive 2010/30/EU Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU Vehicles Emissions Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 Automotive Car Labelling Directive 1999/94/EC Food Information to Consumers Food Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 Advance Passenger Information Directive 2004/82/EC Aviation Passenger Name Record Directive (EU) 2016/681 Article 15 of the TFEU (on Public sector transparency) Re-Use Directive 2003/98/EC Article 102 TFEU Dominance · Essential facilities doctrine and Competition rights & obligations & essential facilities case-law of the CJEU Merger Merger Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 & acquisitions Article 101 TFEU Agreements between · Regulation on Licensing agreements for the undertakings transfer of technology (EU) No 316/2014 · Proposal for a Directive on contracts for Consumer rights Individuals' rights the supply of digital content e-Privacy Privacy e-Privacy Directive 2002/58/EC General Data Protection Regulation Privacy (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 Ownership-like rights Trade secrets Trade Secrets Directive (EU) 2016/943 Database rights Database Directive 96/9/EC Copyright InfoSoc Directive 2001/29/EC

Source: B. Van Asbroeck, J. Debussche & J. César, White Paper: Building the European Data Economy – Data Ownership, Bird & Bird, 1 January 2017, p.123

Two hypothesis of data sharing

Data sharing with other private undertakings – B2B





Data sharing with the public authorities – B2G





6

 EU Commission: creation of a new right establishing a form of "ownership" and access to these MGD?

(Communication, "Building a European data economy", 10 January 2017, COM(2017) 9 final)

- Concept of "ownership" is problematic
- Rather "competing rights on", "control of" and "access to"
 MGD
- No creation of a new right → Contractual freedom
- There is **no general obligation** for private undertakings to share their data

But specific sectoral obligations (see slide 7)

• BUT – <u>Key principles</u> to be included <u>voluntarily</u> in B2B data sharing contractual agreements:

(Communication, "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, COM(2018) 232 final, p.10)

a) Transparency

- Persons or entities that will have access to the data
- Type and level of detail of such data
- Purposes for using such data

b) Shared value creation

 Contractual agreements recognise that, where data is generated as a byproduct, several parties have contributed to creating the data

c) Respect for each other's commercial interest

 Contractual agreements should address the need to protect both the commercial interests and secrets of data holders and data users

• BUT – <u>Key principles</u> to be included <u>voluntarily</u> in B2B data sharing contractual agreements:

(Communication, "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, COM(2018) 232 final, p.10)

d) Ensure undistorted competition

 Contractual agreements should address the need to ensure undistorted competition when exchanging commercially sensitive data

e) Minimised data lock-in

 Companies offering a product or service that generates data as a by-product should allow and enable data portability as much as possible

 Commission also provides guidance on the preparation and/or negotiation of data sharing agreements:

(Staff working document, "Guidance on sharing private sector data in the European data economy – Accompanying the Communication "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, SWD(2018) 125 final, pp. 6-8)

a) What data shall be made available?

Typology, updates, quality, data set or data stream, legal compliance,...

b) Who can access and (re-)use the data in question?

o Access, re-use and distribution limits and conditions, sub-licensing,...

c) What can the (re-)user do with the data?

 Transparency about the downstream use, define non-disclosure rules and rights on derivatives of the data,...

d) Define the technical means for the data access and/or exchange

Frequency, maximum loads, security requirements, SLA,...

e) What data do I need to protect and how do I protect it?

 Proper security measures, protection of trade secrets, IPRs, sensitive commercial information,...

 Commission also provides guidance on the preparation and/or negotiation of data sharing agreements:

(Staff working document, "Guidance on sharing private sector data in the European data economy – Accompanying the Communication "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, SWD(2018) 125 final, pp. 6-8)

f) Include rules on liability provisions

- Supply of erroneous data, disruptions in the data transmission, destruction/loss or alteration of data,...
- g) Define rights of both parties to perform audits on the respect of the mutual obligations
- h) What is the intended duration of the contract? What rights to terminate the contract? What notice to be given to your partners?
- i) Agree on applicable law and dispute settlement mechanisms

Bilateral contracts



- Unilateral approach to share data
- ✓ Generate additional revenues
- Add value to services provided

Data marketplaces



- Trusted intermediary between data suppliers and data users
- Data suppliers sell their data to interested data users
- Revenue is generated from each data transaction



Source: Everis, *Study on data sharing between companies in Europe*, 2018, p.62, available at: https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en

Industrial data platforms



- Strategic and collaborative partnerships
- Mutual benefits for all parties
- Data shared (for free) in a closed, exclusive and secure environment
- Develop new or improved products and/or services
- Enhance internal performance





Source: Everis, *Study on data sharing between companies in Europe*, 2018, p.63, available at: <a href="https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a

Technical enablers



- Businesses specialised in and specifically dedicated to enabling data sharing through a technical solution
- Fee is requested for setting up, using and/or maintaining the solution
- Revenue is not generated from data shared









Source: Everis, *Study on data sharing between companies in Europe*, 2018, p.63, available at: https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en

Open Data policies



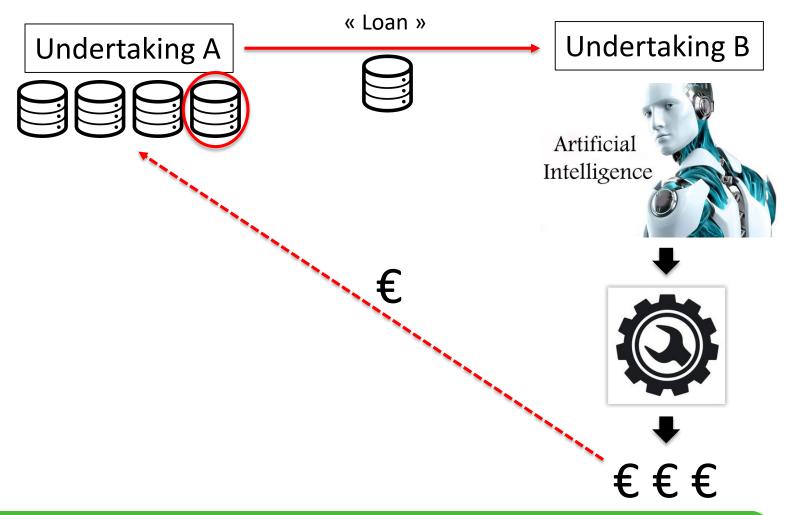
- Companies likely to be legally bound to make data available to third parties
- Data shared to develop new products and/or services
- Seldom get payment for data shared



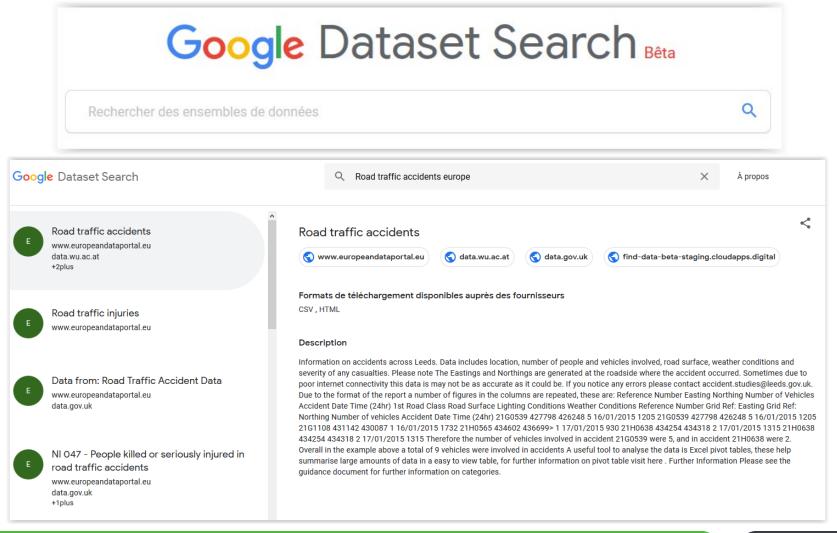


Source: Everis, *Study on data sharing between companies in Europe*, 2018, p.64, available at: <a href="https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication-detail/-/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b8776ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/publication/8b876ff-4834-11e8-be1d-01aa75ed71a

Other



Other



Two hypothesis of data sharing

Data sharing with other private undertakings – B2B





Data sharing with the public authorities – B2G





B2G Data sharing – "Reverse-PSI"

 Access, by public sector bodies, to privately held data for public interest purposes





- Proposed by the EU Commission during the public consultation pertaining to the PSI Directive recast
 - 88% of the respondents were in favour
 - But many position papers by associations of private undertakings argued that the proposal lacked precision:
 - Which public sector bodies?
 - What is a public interest purpose?
- Commission decided not to include it in the recast proposal

B2G Data sharing – "Reverse-PSI"

• BUT – <u>Key principles</u> for the supply of private sector data to public sector bodies under preferential conditions for re-use:

(Communication, "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, COM(2018) 232 final, pp. 13-14)

a) Proportionality in the use of private sector data

- Justified by a clear and demonstrable public interest
- Adequate, relevant and proportionate for the targeted public interest
- Reasonable cost in comparison with the expected public benefits

b) Purpose limitation

- Data use limited to one or several specific and precise purposes
- Private company should receive guaranties that data will not be used for other purposes

c) "Do no harm"

o Protection of trade secrets and other commercially sensitive information

B2G Data sharing – "Reverse-PSI"

• BUT – <u>Key principles</u> for the supply of private sector data to public sector bodies under preferential conditions for re-use:

(Communication, "Towards a common European data space", 25 April 2018, COM(2018) 232 final, pp. 13-14)

d) Conditions for data re-use

- Must be beneficial for both parties, while offering preferential conditions to the public sector body, given the public interest purpose
 - E.g. preferential pricing

e) Mitigate limitations of private sector data

- Private companies should offer a proportionate and reasonable assistance in order to evaluate the data quality
 - E.g. possibility to control and verify the data

f) Transparency and societal participation

 Transparency regarding the parties to the agreement, their objectives, the knowledge acquired and the identified good practices

Conclusion

- Which types of data are undertakings willing to share?
 - Data typology
- Under which model / conditions?
 - → Panel "Sectoral experiences on data sharing"
- Is contractual freedom the answer?
 - O Are there enough incentives to share?
 - O What about discrepancies in bargaining power?
 - Can Competition Law solve potential market failures that might arise?
- Should the Commission go a step further?
 - → Policy panel "Should data sharing be incentivised?"

Thank you for your attention! Questions?

Thomas Tombal thomas.tombal@unamur.be





