



Data Portability at the crossroads of data protection and competition policy

Brussels, April 29, 2014, 15:30 - 20:00

Fondation Universitaire Stichting, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

Right to data portability as a means to enhance consumer control over data

In its proposal for a General Data Protection Regulation, the European Commission has introduced a right to data portability, i.e. the right for an EU citizen to transfer his/her personal data from one electronic processing system to another, without being prevented from doing so by the controller (art. 18 of the Commission's proposal). The newly proposed right has attracted a lot of attention and has been under review by the European Parliament and the Council.

The event will seek to shed some light on this question both from a theoretical and an industry perspective.

The seminar will examine the following issues:

- *What does the right to data portability entail?*
- *How should the right to data portability be implemented by online service providers?*
- *Will data portability be sufficient to protect the consumer's interest in the digital economy?*
- *To what extent can data portability promote innovation in and competitiveness of the EU?*

Is regulation to enable data portability necessary?

We will examine the potential role of competition policy in facilitating data portability and redressing consumer lock-in.

The seminar will explore the following issues:

- *In what way may data portability be enforced under competition law (i.e. without the need for specific regulation)?*
- *Would data portability bring certain risks to privacy, e.g. data leaks?*
- *How can the interests of businesses and consumers be balanced?*
- *To what extent do online service providers already facilitate data portability?*



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15:30 - 16:00 Registration

16:00 - 16:10 Welcome word by Peggy Valcke (*Research professor KU Leuven - ICRI - iMinds*)

16:10 - 17:50 **Interdisciplinary and industry panel**

Speakers:

Nicolas Schifano *Director Standards and Interoperability Policy - Microsoft*
Stefano Fratta *Head of Corporate & Legal Affairs - Telefónica Digital*
Damien Geradin *Professor - University of Tilburg / Partner - Covington & Burling LLP*
Thomas Graf *On behalf of Google / Partner - Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP*

Moderator: Philippe Defraigne, Cullen International

17:50 - 18:20 Break

18:20 - 19:30 **Policy and consumer panel**

Speakers:

Paul Nemitz *Director Fundamental Rights and Citizenship - DG Justice - European Commission*
Ralf Bendrath *Senior Policy Advisor to MEP Jan Philipp Albrecht - European Parliament*
Chiara Giovannini *Senior Manager Policy & Innovation - ANEC The European consumer voice in standardization*
Achim Klabunde *Head of Sector IT Policy - European Data Protection Supervisor*

Moderator: Peggy Valcke

19:30 Reception



Venue

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Fee* and registration

The seminar is a joint event of CRIDS of the University of Namur, Cullen International, and ICRI of the University of Leuven

Participation fee: € 130 (drinks and sandwiches included).

Free for EU officials and diplomats

If more than two persons participate from the same organisation, the additional participants will benefit from a 25 % reduction. Former DTIC-students and Ph.D. students are also entitled to a 25 % reduction.

Registration: <http://www.crids.eu/formations/juritic/inscription>

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