

Enforcement cooperation coordination: Possibility of an ICDPPC-GPEN MOU - Email exchange between the Secretariat and the GPEN committee

The Secretariat, Blair Stewart, wrote to the GPEN Committee on 30 June 2016 in relation to a proposal to document the relationship between ICDPPC and GPEN:

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From: ICDPPCExCo

Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 11:59 PM

To:

[REDACTED]

[GPEN Committee]

Cc: ICDPPCExCo

Subject: Proposal to document the relationship between ICDPPC and GPEN

Dear GPEN Committee (and greetings: Guilherme, Hannah, Henry, Michael and Sharon)

I write on behalf of John Edwards, Chair of the Executive Committee of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners, to explore with your Committee the potential usefulness of documenting the relationship between our two networks.

As you will be aware, the 36th Conference adopted a Resolution on Enforcement Cooperation that mandated the Executive Committee to "... initiate discussions with GPEN and other relevant networks with a view to exploring practical options and opportunities for better coordinating their efforts to improve enforcement cooperation ...". That mandate has been delegated to the Chair who commenced informal discussions with relevant networks in the margins of the 37th Conference In Amsterdam including, of course, during the GPEN side meeting.

The Chair suggests that a further practical step might be to create a document, such as a memorandum of understanding, that records the relationship. It would also express a commitment to close cooperation and to identify opportunities to coordinate enforcement cooperation efforts. In the course of developing that document, or following from its mutual adoption, concrete ideas for deepening the relationship to mutual benefit might emerge.

I would be grateful to hear your response in principle to this proposal. It would be particularly helpful if you could get back to me fairly quickly – ideally by 8 July if feasible - as we have an Executive Committee meeting in Singapore in mid-July at which this mandate will be discussed. If our respective Committees are supportive of taking this step I would undertake to prepare a first draft of the document by early August to begin discussions on the substance.

Yours faithfully, Blair Stewart

Blair Stewart

Executive Committee Secretariat

In response, a reply was received on 13 July 2016 from Michael Maguire, member of the GPEN Committee:

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From: Michael Maguire [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 13 July 2016 9:42 a.m.

To: ICDPPCEXCo

Cc: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Proposal to document the relationship between ICDPPC and GPEN

Dear Blair,

Thank you (and Cr Edwards) for your note. As you know, GPEN shares the ICDPPC's desire to enhance cooperation between our networks, and others, via Network of Networks. The GPEN Committee is, therefore, open to exploring avenues for more clearly documenting the nature of our relationship with the Conference, with a view to assisting our organizations in achieving our respective mandates.

To that end, we would be pleased to receive further information from the ICDPPC, which would ideally provide: (i) a more detailed explanation of the objectives the Conference would hope to achieve via such a document – including whether there are any common provisions that the Conference would be seeking from all networks in an eventual document; and (ii) a list of specific substantive elements (e.g., specific practical opportunities for coordinating cooperation efforts) it would like to see addressed therein.

With that information, we would be in a better position to consider the Conference's proposal, as well as the form of documentation (e.g., within our Network of Networks relationship) via which we might best achieve our objectives.

We would also like to share that during the GPEN Committee's preliminary consideration on this matter, we discussed one potential solution that would involve enhancement to Network of Networks documentation: to further explain various practical matters regarding the initiative, ensure clearer understanding between Network partners, and aid with continuity through changes in network leadership. We would certainly appreciate your thoughts on this strategy.

Thank you again,

The GPEN Committee