Joint Policy Meeting by
The European Parliament’s Privacy Platform
The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

More Surveillance, More Security?
The Landscape of Surveillance in Europe and Challenges to Data Protection and Privacy

9th November 2011 (08.30 - 17.30)

European Parliament

(Entrance: Altiero Spinelli Building - Place du Luxembourg)

08.30-11.30: Room PHS 7 C 50
12.30-17.30: Room JAN 4 Q 1

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PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

In the name of increased security, the last decade has seen a proliferation of surveillance measures proposed and implemented at EU level, many of which involve the collection, use and exchange of personal data. The widespread use of surveillance practices can pose challenges to principles of personal privacy and data protection, with deep implications for the exercise of individual freedom upon which the foundations of open societies are based. The spread of EU surveillance practices therefore calls for renewed debates over the necessity and proportionality of such measures and the appropriate safeguards and adequate legal frameworks required to avoid undue threats to data protection and privacy.

These questions lie at the heart of both the European Parliament’s Privacy Platform, an inter-group body established to exchange knowledge and debate on privacy-related matters and SAPIENT (Supporting Fundamental Rights, Privacy and Ethics in Surveillance Technologies), a project funded by the European Commission’s Seventh Framework Research Programme.

The Privacy Platform and SAPIENT have joined forces to organise the policy meeting “More Surveillance, More Security?” Bringing together EU and international policy-makers, academics, practitioners and civil society organisations, the meeting will explore the central challenges posed by surveillance in the EU through the examination of three case studies which encapsulate the dilemmas and risks to principles of data protection and privacy: The Passenger Name Record (PNR) system, the practice of DNA collection and sharing under the Prüm decisions, and the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme.
08.30  Registration  (Altiero Spinelli Building, entrance Place Luxembourg)

09.00 – 09.30  Welcome

- Sophie In’t Veld, MEP, Chair and Founder of the Privacy Platform
- Sergio Carrera, Centre for European policy Studies
- Michael Friedewald, Fraunhofer Institute, Coordinator of the SAPIENT project
- Bruno Mastantuono, Research Executive Agency, European Commission

09.30 – 11.30  Panel: Assessing the challenges of the EU Passenger Name Record system

Chair: Timothy Kirkhope, MEP and rapporteur on the EU PNR proposals (TBC)

Panelists:
- Jan Philipp Albrecht MEP and Vice-Chair of the Privacy Platform
- Filip Jasiński Chairman of the GENVAL Working Party of the EU Council for PNR/TFTS
- Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, Head of Unit for Police Cooperation and Access to Information, DG Home Affairs
- Brenden Nelson, Ambassador of the Australian mission to the EU
- Margreet Lommerts, Association of European Airlines

Discussant:
- David Wright, Trilateral

Open discussion

11.30 – 12.30  Lunch break  (Room JAN 4 Q 1)

12.30 – 14.30  Privacy Platform: More surveillance, more security? The landscape of surveillance in Europe and challenges to data protection and privacy

Chair: Sophie In’t Veld, MEP, Chair and Founder of the Privacy Platform

Panelists:
- Didier Bigo, King’s College London
- Jan Kees Goet, General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands (TBC)
- Diana Priest, Washington Post – Top Secret America (TBC)
- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hoffmann-Riem, Former Judge of the German Constitutional Court (TBC)

Open discussion
14.30 – 14.45 Coffee break

14.45 – 16.00 Panel: Assessing the challenges of DNA collection and sharing under the Prüm Decisions

Chair: Carlos Coelho, MEP and Vice Chair of the Privacy Platform

Panelists:
- Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, Head of Unit for Police Cooperation and Access to Information, DG Home Affairs
- Robert Żółkiewski, Chair of the DAPIX Working Party
- Peter Hanel, Ministry of Interior, Austria (TBC)

Discussant:
- Rocco Bellanova, Vrije Universiteit Brussel & Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis

Open discussion

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.30 Panel: Assessing the challenges of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme and the EU Terrorist Finance Tracking System

Chair: Sergio Carrera, CEPS

Panelists:
- Rob Wainwright, Director of Europol
- Olivier Luyckx, Head of Unit of for Crisis Management and the Fight against Terrorism in DG Home Affairs
- Kenneth Propp, Legal Counselor, United States Mission to the European Union

Discussant:
- Elspeth Guild, CEPS

Open discussion