

## Letter of motivation

I submit this letter of motivation as a part of a dossier supporting my application for posts of Assistant Supervisor - European Data Protection Supervisor.

Bearing in mind the strong position that Mr Peter Hustinx and his Assistants EDPS built throughout all ten-year-period of the activity of the organ, I believe I can offer the new strength which is necessary to face the challenges of a current turbulent world. I also believe the background I have and the experience I have been collected may perfectly serve the European Union as a whole and especially the European institutions. An attractive combination of academic knowledge and practical experience in business activities and the key areas of law and IT, with ongoing practical experience of applying these attributes as a Data Protection Authority - both domestically and in EU and international fora - is in my opinion the way to address the challenges properly and find the right answers to them.

I am not "a digital native". I was born in the "analog" world. At the same time the world I knew as a child and teenager was the world behind the iron curtain. An information age and Internet came to this world exactly at the same time as freedom and democracy did - in the beginning of 90s. Getting to know how to process information ourselves, without a censorship and with a use of modern devices was the experience of freedom and the lesson of societal skills for the whole generation of young adults at the time of my law studies. Most probably that was a main reason why a young lawyer who had been predominantly interested in constitutional law and international co-operation became professionally involved in the IT businesses without a prejudice to scientific interests. Simultaneous work as a scientist and university teacher in constitutional and European law and day-by-day activity in IT, information management and business intelligence market prepared myself to the work for public administration when I have begun this activity ten year after my graduation from the law Faculty. Since 2006 I have been combining the public activity - first in governmental bodies and now as a DPA - with ongoing scientific researches Polish and European IT law, processing and security of information, legal information retrieval systems, electronic government and application of semantic web and legal ontologies in legal information processing.

All these experiences are vital if we take into consideration the double role of the European Data Protection Supervisor. EDPS at the same

- is time responsible for ensuring that the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons are respected by EU institutions, bodies, agencies and offices and
- provide advice to above mentioned bodies on all matters concerning the processing of personal data taking into account relevant new developments in the area of information and communication technologies.

That basically requires the combination of technological knowledge, administrative skills and scientific approach to the problems we meet and the perspectives we will face in the future. I am ready to pursue the joint work on the current legislative package, to further oversee former 3rd pillar bodies, to bridge the EU and Council of Europe in order to promote common approach to data protection, and to explain the global phenomena in the language understood by the citizens. Let me recall a part of the Digital Agenda mentioning that a lack of trust in the on-line environment is meanwhile seriously hampering the development of Europe's on-line economy. At the same time I do not forget that Regulation No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data is waiting to supplement the change proposed by the Commission in 2012. The ongoing works on eIDAS regulation and the common cybersecurity rules are strong points in the next EDPS agenda as well. But when we think about the on-line economy, cross-regional interoperability and global legal and trade background, the work of the Supervisor in the forthcoming term will be even more demanding. That is why the new EDPS shall continue to have an influencing role as regards

bringing divergent national thinking together, as well as being a bridge between Europe and regulators in other regions of the world.

Implementation of these measures shall also take into account the fact that information is often treated by the citizens as a mobile and pervasive commodity. Almost every human activity is either facilitated or mediated by fast-changing technologies. It means that e-government, e-health, e-commerce, e-democracy are not general notions anymore. They form the core infrastructure of the modern society.

All these global problems lead me as the Polish Data Protection Authority to the intensified international co-operation both in the scope of the Article 29 Working Party - which I am the deputy chairman of, and in the scope of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners - organising its edition in 2013 in Warsaw (Poland).

I should also recall several other fora Polish DPA was active in including the Council of Europe Consultative Committee on the protection of personal data (the T-PD), the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (so called the Berlin Group) and recently 41st Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum where I had opportunity to represent European DPAs during the session on "Global Privacy Developments"

With all the legal, administrative, scientific and organisational experiences I would like to offer - as a candidate for the Assistant Supervisor - European Data Protection Supervisor - also the view of the person who can understand the software and infrastructure complexity hidden behind intuitive user interfaces built today for an average user, who wants to take a computing device in his/her hand and start to use it without having to understand how it actually works.

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