

Peter J. Hustinx

European Data Protection Supervisor

Mr. Peter J. Hustinx (1945) has been European Data Protection Supervisor since January 2004. He was appointed by a joint decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 2003 for a term of five years and started his activities on 2 February 2004.

The European Data Protection Supervisor is entrusted with monitoring and applying the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 45/2001 to the processing of personal data carried out by the Community institutions and bodies. He is also responsible for advising Community institutions and bodies on all matters concerning the processing of personal data, and has a duty to cooperate with national supervisory authorities and supervisory bodies established under the third pillar of the European Union.

Mr. Hustinx has been closely involved in the development of data protection legislation from the start, both at the national and at the international level. Before entering his office, he was President of the Dutch Data Protection Authority for a period of more than twelve years.

He received law degrees at the University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands (LLM 1970), and at the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, U.S.A. (MCL 1971).

In 1971 he joined the Dutch Ministry of Justice and worked in the field of constitutional and criminal law and in the preparation of legislation.

As a member of the Committee of Experts on Data Protection of the Council of Europe he took part in the preparation of the 1981 Convention on Data Protection and of several recommendations in this field. From 1985 until 1988 he was Chairman of this committee.

In 1991 he was appointed and in 1997 reappointed as President of the Dutch Data Protection Authority (*Registratiekamer*). In September 2001 he continued as President of the Data Protection Authority (*CBP*) established by the new Data Protection Act which entered into force then. In 2003 he was reappointed for a third term of six years.

In 1994 he was Chairman of the International Conference of Data Protection Commissioners.

From 1996 until 2000 he was Chairman of the Article 29 Working Party (established under Directive 95/46/EC).

From 1998 until 2001 he was Chairman of the Appeals Committee of the Joint Supervisory Board of Europol (established under Article 24 of the Europol Convention).

Since 1986 he has also been deputy judge in the Court of Appeal in Amsterdam.