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**P R E S S R E L E A S E**

**Working Paper on Connected Vehicles released**

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (so-called Berlin Group), chaired by the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Maja Smoltczyk, has adopted the **Working Paper on Connected Vehicles** at its 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Budapest (Hungary) on 9 and 10 April 2018.

As vehicles become increasingly connected to the Internet and to other vehicles, more and more personal data will be collected and processed by the vehicles. Relevant types of data collected by the vehicle's sensors may concern driver behaviour or information about other people inside or outside the vehicle. This data may be processed by the vehicle's IT systems, or when other personal devices connect to it. The advent of autonomous vehicles will raise additional privacy issues, as their functioning will require the collection and use of significant amounts of data.

The Working Paper on Connected Vehicles analyzes the different types of data that can be collected, generated, transmitted, processed or retained by connected vehicles and identifies the privacy risks involved in these processes. The Working Paper provides recommendations for manufacturers, third party service providers, standardization bodies, public authorities and rule makers as well as for drivers of connected vehicles on how to effectively avert these risks.

The Working Paper is available for download at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>

**About the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications ("Berlin Group")**

The International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (IWGDPT, also known as "Berlin Group") includes representatives from Data Protection Authorities and international organisations dealing with privacy matters from all over the world. It was founded in 1983 in the framework of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners at the initiative of the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection, who has since then been chairing the Group. The Group has adopted numerous recommendations ("Common Positions" and "Working Papers") aimed at improving the protection of privacy in telecommunications. Since the beginning of the 90s the Group has focused particularly on the protection of privacy on the Internet.

More information about the Work of the Group and the documents adopted by the Group are available for download on the website of the Group at <http://www.berlin-privacy-group.org>.

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The Working Group has been initiated  
by Data Protection Commissioners  
from different countries in order  
to improve privacy and data protection  
in telecommunications and media