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## **ARTICLE 29 DATA PROTECTION WORKING PARTY**

**The Article 29 Working Party held its 71<sup>st</sup> plenary session in Brussels on June 16 and 17, 2009.**

### ***- Hearing of the World Anti Doping Agency***

The Article 29 Working Party met the World Anti Doping Agency on June 16; a specific press release is available at: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/fsj/privacy/news/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/news/index_en.htm)

### ***- On-line Social Networking***

The Article 29 Working Party recently adopted an opinion on On-line Social Networking ( WP 163), a specific press release is available at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/fsj/privacy/news/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/news/index_en.htm)

### ***- Discussion with the Vice-President of the EU Commission, Mr Jacques Barrot***

The Article 29 Working Party had a fruitful discussion with the Vice-President Mr Jacques Barrot Responsible for Justice, Freedom and Security on different topics as regards the protection of personal data. Commissioner Barrot also used this occasion to outline the plans of the Commission for a public consultation on the question of further strengthening the protection of personal data in Europe, following the Commission's conference "Personal data - more use, more protection?", of 19 – 20 May 2009. More information on the conference, with presentations and a full webcast, is available here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/news/events/news\\_events\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/events/news_events_en.htm)

### ***- 12<sup>th</sup> Article 29 WP Annual Report***

The Article 29 Working Party has adopted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Report covering the year 2008. It gives an overview of the main issues addressed by the Article 29 Working Party over the last year, the main developments in Member States and in the European Bodies and the principal developments in EEA countries.

### ***Background information***

The Article 29 Working Party on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data is an independent advisory body on data protection and privacy, set up under Article 29 of the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC. It is composed of representatives from the national data protection authorities of the EU Member States, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission. Its tasks are described in Article 30 of Directive 95/46/EC and Article 15 of Directive 2002/58/EC. The WP is competent to examine questions covering the application of the national measures adopted under the data protection directives in order to contribute to the uniform application of the directives. It carries out this task by issuing recommendations, opinions and working documents.

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