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By email via the Europol DPF

Cooperation between the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and Europol

- 1 EDPS follow-up to the inquiry on Europol's 'Big Data Challenge' (2019-0370 and, 2019-0699) – Provisional analysis, EDPS reference: WW [REDACTED]/D(2021)1636 C 2019-0370, C 2021-0699, 26 July 2021 (Europol file no. EDOC-#1180134, EDOC-#1180131)
- 2 EDPS Decision on the own initiative inquiry on Europol's 'Big Data Challenge' – EDPS reply to Europol's letter of 2 June 2021 (C 2019-0370), EDPS reference: WW [REDACTED] D(2021)1604 C 2019-0370, 26 July 2021 (Europol fil no. EDOC-#1180129)
- 3 New Forensic Environment (NFE) and the requirement for prior consultation an Article 39 under the Europol Regulation (ER), EDPS reference: WW [REDACTED] D(2021)1605 C 2019-0370, 26 July 2021 (Europol fil no. EDOC-#1180133)
- 4 Secure communication means between the EDPS and Europol, EDPS reference: WRW [REDACTED] D(2021)1656 C 2017-0511, 29 July 2021 (Europol file no. EDOC-#1180595)

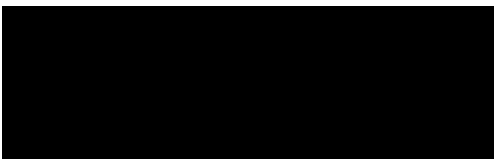
Dear Mr Wiewiórowski,

I am writing to you in response to the timeline of 1 October 2021, included in your letters of 26 July 2021 (documentation referenced under the list of items 1 to 3 above), as well as the matter raised in your letter of 29 July 2021 (referenced under item 4 above).

These topics were discussed, inter alia, at working level with your staff on 3 September 2021. Europol explained that in view of the importance of the dossiers, in particular regarding the retention period, the observations of the Corporate Matters Working Group (CMWG) of the Europol Management Board (MB) of 7-8 September 2021, as well as the subsequent MB meeting on 5-6 October 2021, would be required for Europol to provide an answer to the questions and observations of the EDPS. This understanding was confirmed during the CMWG of 7-8 September 2021.

In view of your staff indicating during the discussion on 3 September 2021 that it would be agreeable to the EDPS to extend the timeline for Europol's response, from 1 October 2021 to 20 October 2021, I would thus like to formally request for Europol to reply by 20 October 2021. In addition, by that time, Europol will also provide an updated progress report on the implementation of the 'Big Data Challenge' Action Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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