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The Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology (IPL)

The Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology (IPL) has been established by the **European Public Law Organization** with the aim to advance and promote knowledge and policy in the field of privacy and data protection law, technology, society and fundamental rights.

Our vision is to cover a wide range of topics related to privacy and data protection law and technology and their normative and technical implications within a multidisciplinary research institute, combining law, philosophy, social sciences, public administration and management sciences sharing the expertise and experiences of legal scholars and privacy law lawyers, electronics engineers, information technology scientists and sociologists.

The Institute will use its knowledge and expertise to contribute to the improvement of legal policies and practices with regard to fundamental rights & Information and Communication Technologies by providing advisory, consultancy and educational / training services to legislators, organizations, public bodies and private enterprises.

The IPL constitutes an academically independent unit of the European Public Law Organization with operational autonomy and is under the responsibility of its President and its Executive Director with the assistance of its Scientific Council.

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Initiatives

The Institute for Privacy Law, Data Protection and Technology has been included in the list of "Early Supporters" of the initiative of the French Government under the title "Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace".

This is an initiative undertaken by the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs together with several governmental and non-governmental partners. It is a high-level political declaration which reaffirms some basic principles such as the applicability of international law in cyberspace and will allow all concerned stakeholders to signal their clear commitment to reinforce cooperation and increase both cyberspace's stability and our ability to prevent the most significant attacks.

The challenges related to cybersecurity are a top priority for the IPL. Such initiatives are contributing to increasing trust and co-operation among the various stakeholders (governments, private sector, academia, civil society) and are the only viable way to lead the world to an open, accessible, safe and peaceful cyberspace.