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Subject: EDPB work on the interplay between EU data protection and competition law

Dear Mr Guersent and Ms Gallego Torres,

Thank you for your letter of 21 August on the EDPB's ongoing work on a position paper regarding the interplay between EU data protection and competition law.

The position paper aims to outline how the objectives and concepts of data protection and competition law relate to each other, and how cooperation between competition authorities and data protection authorities could be further developed. It also aims to explore the interplay with, and harness the synergies between, EU data protection and competition law, focusing, at a high level, on the role of competition and market considerations in data protection practices. I would take this opportunity to clarify that the position paper is intended to be a public statement. In these contexts, I would like to reassure you that the EDPB's sole intention is to focus on issues of data protection and cooperation, and so tackle these issues from within its competences, and that the EDPB hopes to take full advantage of the Commission's expertise as part of our regular exchanges at Taskforce level.

The EDPB very much welcomes the continued contributions from, and collaboration with, the Commission as this work continues to progress in the Taskforce. I would, further, like to reiterate our support for cooperation regarding the interplay between data protection and competition in the wider sense, such as in our preparations for joint guidance on the interplay between the GDPR and the DMA.

I hope that this helps to assuage your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Anu Talus