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Invitation to the Hague Forum for Cloud Contracting

On behalf of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) in co-operation with the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security (Strategic Vendor Management Microsoft) and the European Commission we have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the second meeting of The Hague Forum for Cloud Contracting. The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18 March 2020, 09.00 – 17.00 in Brussels, Belgium.**

The Hague Forum for Cloud Contracting was established by the participants of the first EU software and cloud suppliers' customer council (EU institutions and bodies, public authorities of Member States and international organisations) in The Hague on 29 August 2019. The aim of the forum is to discuss both how to take back control over IT services and products offered by big IT service providers and how contractual practice can be modified to meet this need. This meeting is a further step towards a joint European procurement approach to software and cloud suppliers operating in the EU. Topics that we would like to discuss include the following elements of cloud services: privacy, security, contractual standardisation and strategic procurement.

Programme and participants

In the coming weeks you will receive a detailed programme for the meeting, which will be opened by Mr. Wojciech Wiewiórowski, the European Data Protection Supervisor. At this occasion, the EDPS will present its Interim Guidance on the use of Microsoft's products by EU institutions, bodies and agencies.

One of the speakers is Mr. Paul van den Berg, the Strategic Vendor Manager for the government of the Netherlands, who will speak about how the new Microsoft Online Services Terms version 2020 compares to the requirements of the GDPR.

The European Commission will be represented by DG CONNECT and DIGIT. DG CONNECT is responsible for cloud computing policies in Europe and is working on responsible cloud adoption by European public authorities. DIGIT is responsible for providing digital services that support other Commission departments and EU institutions in their daily work and that help public administrations in EU member countries work better together.

You are very welcome to make suggestions regarding the programme. Please do so by 7 February 2020 at the latest.

In addition to yourself and your counterparts responsible for strategic supplier management in other EU member states, we will also invite EU institutions, bodies, agencies, international



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organisations, NGO's and other public sector organisations. We will not invite any representatives from the industry or other private sectors.

We look forward to welcoming you on 18 March 2020, and would like to invite you to register via this [link](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact us by email: EDPS-Events@edps.europa.eu .