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Data Protection Regulation will be agreed by 2015, says Albrecht

Jan Philipp Albrecht, Rapporteur for the European Parliament, has said that agreement between the European Commission, European Council and Parliament may be achieved by the end of the year.

Speaking after the first three party meeting, Albrecht said “the trilogue showed very clearly that this is feasible if all parties are open to compromise. All parties are committed to the timetable. The texts are actually a lot closer to each other now than we thought a few months ago.”

The trilogue negotiations between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission started on 24th June 2015, after the EU Council reached agreement on the new data protection rules in mid June.

The Council agreed upon many of the major elements of the European Commission’s original 2012 proposal, including that the form of the new legislation will be a Regulation, that EU companies will in the future deal with a single national Data Protection Authority and that there will be new rights to be

forgotten and to data portability.

The Council also agreed that fines should be a maximum 2% of an organisation’s annual worldwide turnover.

Also speaking about progress at the meetings, Věra Jourová, EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, said that there are more points in common than those that divide the parties. She said that the Commission is willing to compromise, but protection should not

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Helen Dixon’s fighting talk at launch of her Office’s Annual Report

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has published its Annual Report for 2014, the first since Commissioner Helen Dixon has been in charge.

At the launch of the Report, Ms Dixon said that the Irish regulator would be keeping its central role in data protection regulation. She said: “2015 sees this Office in a stronger-than-ever position to continue, in Ireland

and beyond, helping to shape the data protection environment and ensuring compliance with the relevant laws.”

Ms Dixon said she believes “meaningful cooperation and the free exchange of ideas are essential to making data protection work for everyone”, and that this needed “an engaged approach, to ensure that data-protection rights are upheld, while

ensuring access to digital services that many enjoy and even rely upon.”

This year the ODPC’s budget nearly doubled from €1.8m to €3.65m. There was also a rapid growth in staff from 29 to 50, along with the establishment of a major office in Dublin.

Ms Dixon commented that “the expanded

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