

# Statement



## **Statement 3/2019 on an ePrivacy regulation Adopted on 13 March 2019**

**The European Data Protection Board has adopted the following statement:**

The EDPB calls on the EU legislators to intensify efforts towards the adoption of an ePrivacy Regulation, which is necessary to complete the EU's framework for data protection and confidentiality of communications. The EDPB wishes to reiterate the positions previously adopted by data protection authorities in the EU, including the Opinion 1/2017 of the Article 29 Working Party and the Statement adopted on 25 May 2018. The ePrivacy Regulation must under no circumstances lower the level of protection offered by the current ePrivacy Directive 2002/58/EC and must complement the GDPR by providing additional strong guarantees for all types of electronic communications. Far from being an obstacle to the development of new technologies and services, the ePrivacy Regulation is necessary to ensure a level playing field and legal certainty for market operators. The EDPB invites Member States, under the leadership of the Presidency of the Council, to ensure a high level of protection and to proceed to the finalisation of their negotiating position without further delay, so that negotiations with the European Parliament can begin as soon as possible.

For the European Data Protection Board

The Chair

(Andrea Jelinek)