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From:	Presidency/General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/41/EU, as regards its alignment with EU rules on the protection of personal data - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

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#### Introduction

On 20 January 2021, the Commission presented a proposal for a Directive to align Directive 2014/41/EU, regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters (EIO), with European Union rules on the protection of personal data (5678/21).

Following examination by the Working Party on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters (COPEN), Coreper agreed, on 21 April 2021, to start negotiations with the European Parliament on the basis of the text set out in 8048/21.

In their work, the COPEN Working Party and Coreper took account of the opinion delivered by the European Data Protection Supervisor on 10 March 2021.

## **Work in the European Parliament and interinstitutional negotiations**

In the European Parliament, this file was attributed to the LIBE Committee.

On 15 September 2021, the European Parliament decided not to propose any amendments to the Commission proposal, in accordance with a simplified procedure.

On 21 September and 13 October 2021, technical meetings were held between representatives of the European Parliament, the Commission and the Slovenian Presidency, the latter representing the Council. In the course of these meetings, and during subsequent communication, provisional agreement was reached on the draft amendments that the European Parliament would present in respect of the Commission proposal.

At its meeting on 29 October 2021, the COPEN Working Party discussed these draft amendments, on the basis of 13030/21. In a subsequent informal silence procedure that ended on 4 November 2021, all Member States indicated that they could agree to these draft amendments.

In the trilogue which took place on 11 November 2021, provisional agreement on the draft amendments, and thus on the final compromise text, was confirmed.

Lawyer-linguists have already started working on refining the text. Some technical modifications are included in the text set out in the Annex to this note; other refinements will be presented later on, in accordance with the usual procedure.

### **Follow-up**

In the light of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

- confirm the final compromise text of the draft Directive, as set out in the Annex to this note;

- authorise the Presidency to send a letter to the Chair of the European Parliament’s LIBE Committee confirming that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(3) TFEU, in the form set out in the compromise text contained in the Annex (subject to revision by the lawyer-linguists of both institutions), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294(4) TFEU, approve the European Parliament’s position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament’s position.
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**DIRECTIVE (EU) 2021/...**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**of**

**amending Directive 2014/41/EU, as regards its alignment with EU rules on the protection of  
personal data**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular  
Article 16(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure<sup>1</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> Position of the European Parliament of ... [(OJ ...)/(not yet published in the Official Journal)]  
and decision of the Council of ...

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 62(6) of Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>2</sup>, the Commission is to review other acts of Union law which regulate processing of personal data by the competent authorities for the purposes set out in Article 1(1) of that Directive, in order to assess the need to align those acts with that Directive and to make, where appropriate, the necessary proposals to amend these acts to ensure a consistent approach to the protection of personal data within the scope of that Directive. That review has led to the identification of Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>3</sup> as one of those other acts to be amended.
- (2) ***The processing of personal data under Directive 2014/41/EU, and under national laws adopted to implement that Directive, involves the processing, exchange and subsequent use of relevant information for the purposes set out in Article 82 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).*** In the interests of consistency and the effective protection of personal data, the processing of personal data under Directive 2014/41/EU should respect the rules set out in Directive (EU) 2016/680, where applicable. Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup> should apply to the processing of personal data in relation to proceedings as referred to in Article 4, points (b), (c) and (d) of Directive 2014/41/EU where not covered by Directive (EU) 2016/680.

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<sup>2</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 89).

<sup>3</sup> Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 regarding the European Investigation Order in criminal matters (OJ L 130, 1.5.2014, p. 1).

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

- (3) In accordance with Articles 1, 2 and 4a(1) of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the TFEU, and without prejudice to Article 4 of that Protocol, Ireland is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (4) In accordance with Articles 1, 2 *and* 2a of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark annexed to the TEU and the TFEU, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Directive and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (5) *The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>5</sup> and delivered an opinion on 10 March 2021<sup>6</sup>.*
- (6) *Directive 2014/41/EU should therefore be amended accordingly,*

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

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<sup>5</sup> *Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).*

<sup>6</sup> *[Letter of 10 March 2021 (6697/21)].*

*Article 1*  
***Amendments to Directive 2014/41/EU***

Article 20 of Directive 2014/41/EU is deleted.

*Article 2*  
***Transposition***

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by ... [OJ please insert date: one year after ***the entry into force of this amending Directive***] at the latest. They shall ***immediately inform*** the Commission ***thereof***.

When Member States adopt those ***measures***, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or ***shall*** be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. ***The methods of making*** such reference ***shall be laid down by Member States***.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

*Article 3*  
***Entry into force***

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 4*  
*Addressees*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Brussels,

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*

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